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This book is dedicated to the beloved Imām of our time (ʿaj). May Allah (swt) hasten his reappearance and help us to become his true companions.

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Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): On the Day of Resurrection, the ink of the scholars will be weighed up against the blood of the martyrs, and the ink of the scholars will be heavier than the blood of the martyrs.
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for the marḥūmīn of the
Mithani, Hussain, Nawab family,
and Syed Yusuf Hasan

Preface

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): Nurture and raise your children in the best way. Raise them with the love of the Prophets and the Ahlul Bayt (ʿa).

Literature is an influential form of media that often shapes the thoughts and views of an entire generation. Therefore, in order to establish an Islamic foundation for the future generations, there is a dire need for compelling Islamic literature. Over the past several years, this need has become increasingly prevalent throughout Islamic centers and schools everywhere. Due to the growing dissonance between parents, children, society, and the teachings of Islam and the Ahlul Bayt (ʿa), this need has become even more pressing. Al-Kisa Foundation, along with its subsidiary, Kisa Kids Publications, was conceived in an effort to help bridge this gap with the guidance of ʿ*ulamā*ʾ and the help of educators. We would like to make this a communal effort and platform. Therefore, we sincerely welcome constructive feedback and help in any capacity.

Little Leaders From Heaven takes you back to the childhood days of our beloved Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) and Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) with five engaging stories. The goal of this book is to help children form a lasting connection with two of the best role models, the leaders of the youth of paradise, Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) and Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa). Through inspiring stories that exemplify their status, wisdom, purity, kindness and compassion, your children will take away important lessons that they can apply in their own lives.

With Duʿās,
Nabi R. Mir (Abidi)

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Chapter 1

The Little Teachers

Splash!

Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) blinked twice as a fist full of water splattered all over him!

With a playful grin, Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) looked at his big brother, who was now completely soaked and dripping with water.

The day was hot, and the two brothers were playing near a small, quaint, pond on the outskirts of Medina. Medina is the city of their grandfather, the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah. They enjoyed playing outdoors, as they could see the wonders of Allah's creation, and reflect on the signs of Allah's *Jamāl*, His *beauty*.

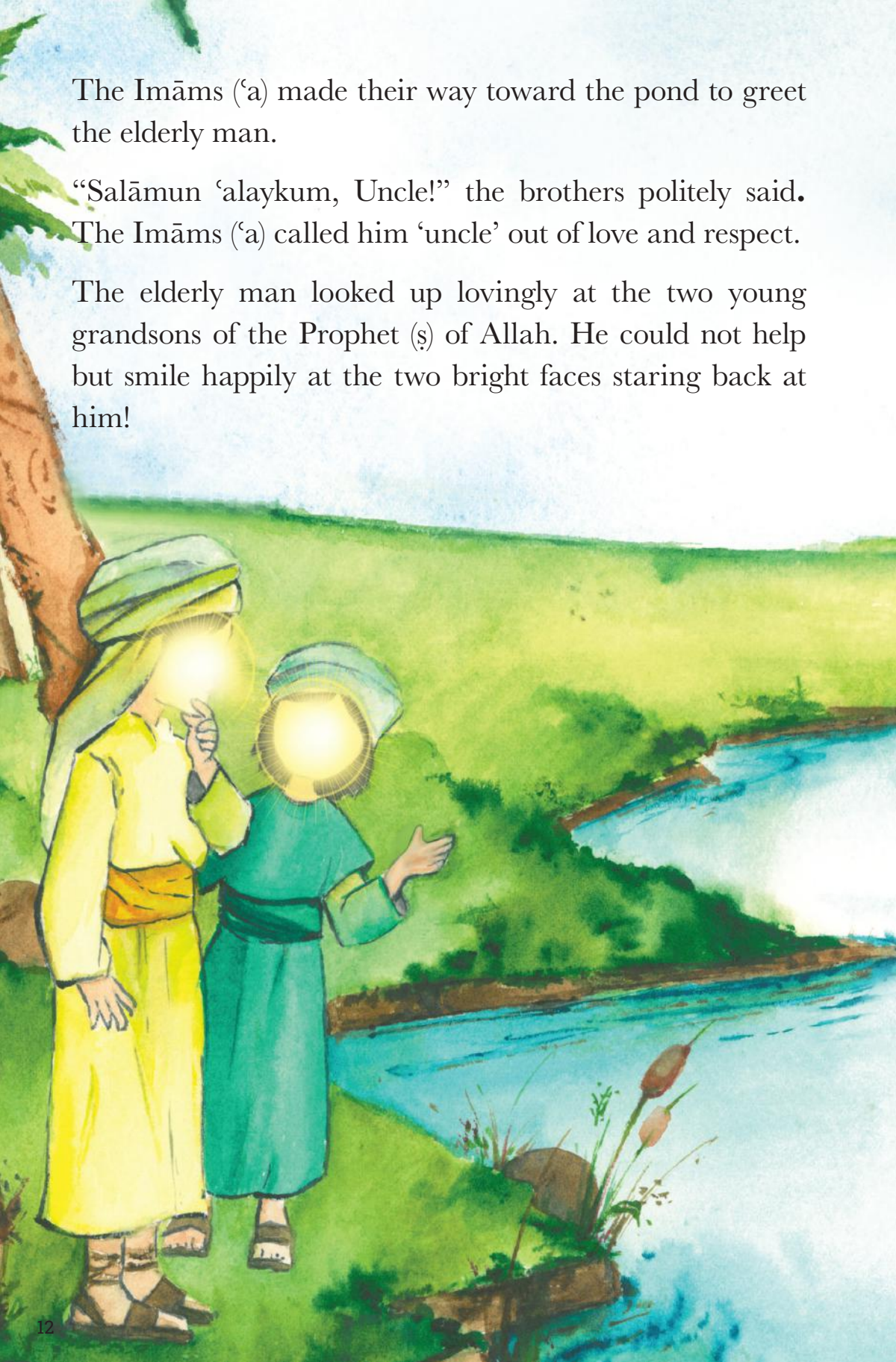
As the sun became bright, an elderly man made his way toward the tiny pond where the two brothers were playing. The time of prayer was approaching, and the man wanted to perform wuḍūʾ so that he could join the Prophet (ṣ) at the masjid for ṣalāh. The man knelt down and splashed his face with water, delighted at how refreshing it felt. He thanked Allah for providing such cooling water on this intensely hot day.

The two young Imāms (ʿa) saw the man from a distance and recognized him as he would often pray behind their grandfather at the masjid.

The Imāms (ʿa) made their way toward the pond to greet the elderly man.

"Salāmun ʿalaykum, Uncle!" the brothers politely said. The Imāms (ʿa) called him 'uncle' out of love and respect.

The elderly man looked up lovingly at the two young grandsons of the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah. He could not help but smile happily at the two bright faces staring back at him!



"Wa ʿalaykum salām, my dear boys," he replied.

The man looked back down toward the water and started carefully performing his wuḍūʾ with focus, but, oh no! He made a mistake!

Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) and Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) wanted what was best for others, so they dearly wanted the elderly man to perform his wuḍūʾ correctly. But how could the Imāms (ʿa) correct him without embarrassing or upsetting him? Well, the young Imāms (ʿa) always did everything in the best of ways, and just then, like a lightbulb, they came up with the perfect plan!

The two young Imāms (ʿa) knelt down by the pond and began to chat, just loud enough for the elderly man to hear them.

"I do my wuḍūʾ perfectly!" said Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) to his brother.

"Umm… I think mine is better!" replied Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa).

"I don't think so! Oh, I have an idea! Maybe we should ask the uncle who can do wuḍūʾ better?" said Imām Ḥasan (ʿa).

So, he turned to the elderly man and asked him, “Dear Uncle! Can you help us by judging to see who performs wuḍūʾ in the most perfect way?”

“Of course! I will certainly try to help,” replied the elderly man, smiling.

The plan was working!

The elderly man watched as the young Imāms (ʿa) took turns performing their wuḍūʾ. He watched as they performed their wuḍūʾ with extreme care and love, and *exactly* in the same way!

Oh my! He immediately realized that it was actually his wuḍūʾ that was incorrect!

After the two Imāms (ʿa) finished, Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) asked, "Dear Uncle, which one of us did our wuḍūʾ the best?"

The man looked at the Imāms (ʿa) with tears in his eyes. He couldn't believe how kind and pure these two young boys were in how they showed him his mistakes!

"Both of you did your wuḍū' with absolute perfection! I have been the one performing my wuḍū' with mistakes. I thank Allah for showing me my errors, and I ask forgiveness from Allah, the Almighty! I am so thankful that He chose the pure grandsons of the Prophet (ṣ) to teach me in such a beautiful manner!"

And with those words, the man performed his wuḍū' once more. This time, he did it in the correct way just as he had learned!

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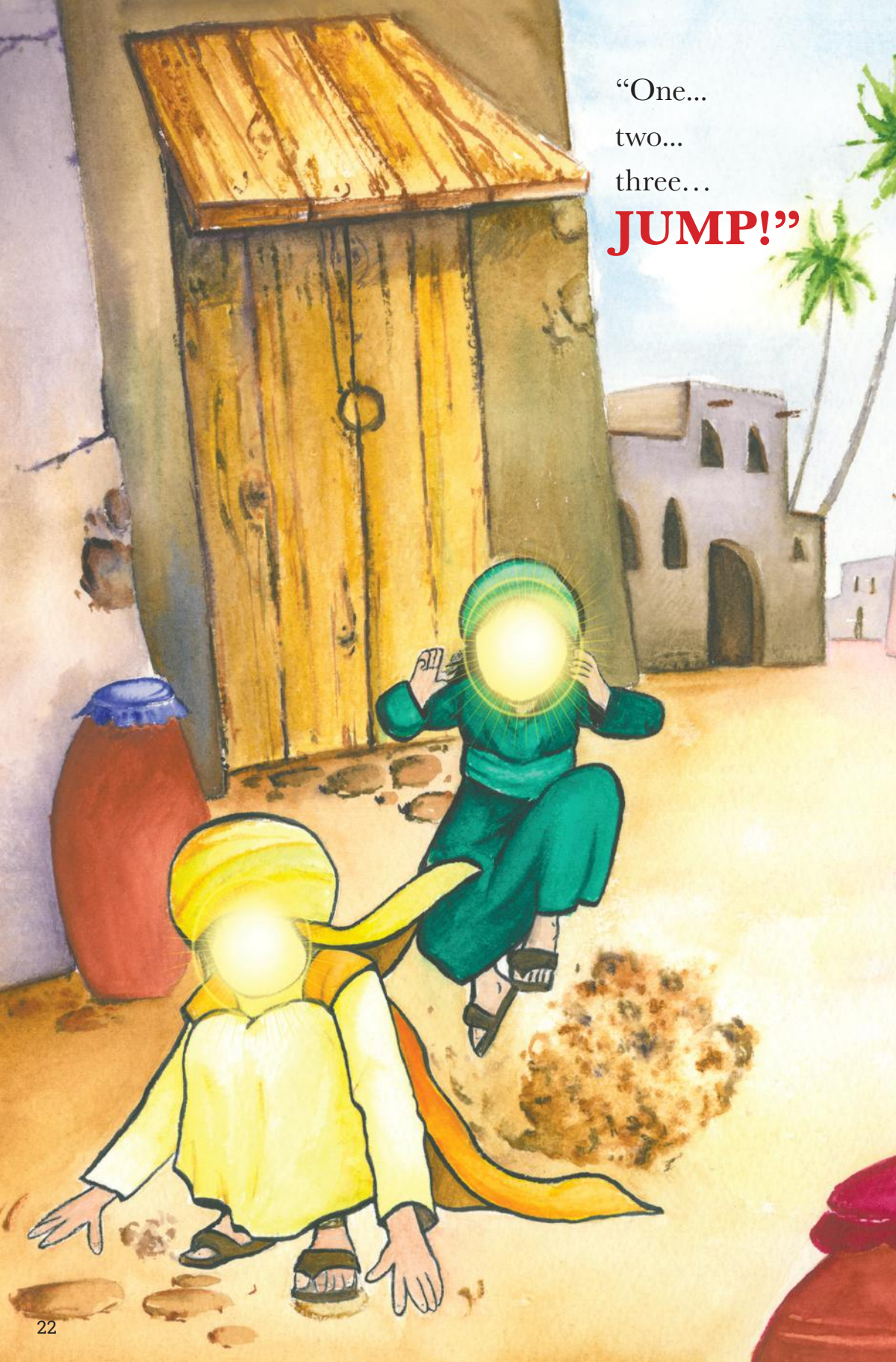
Chapter 2

Intercessors

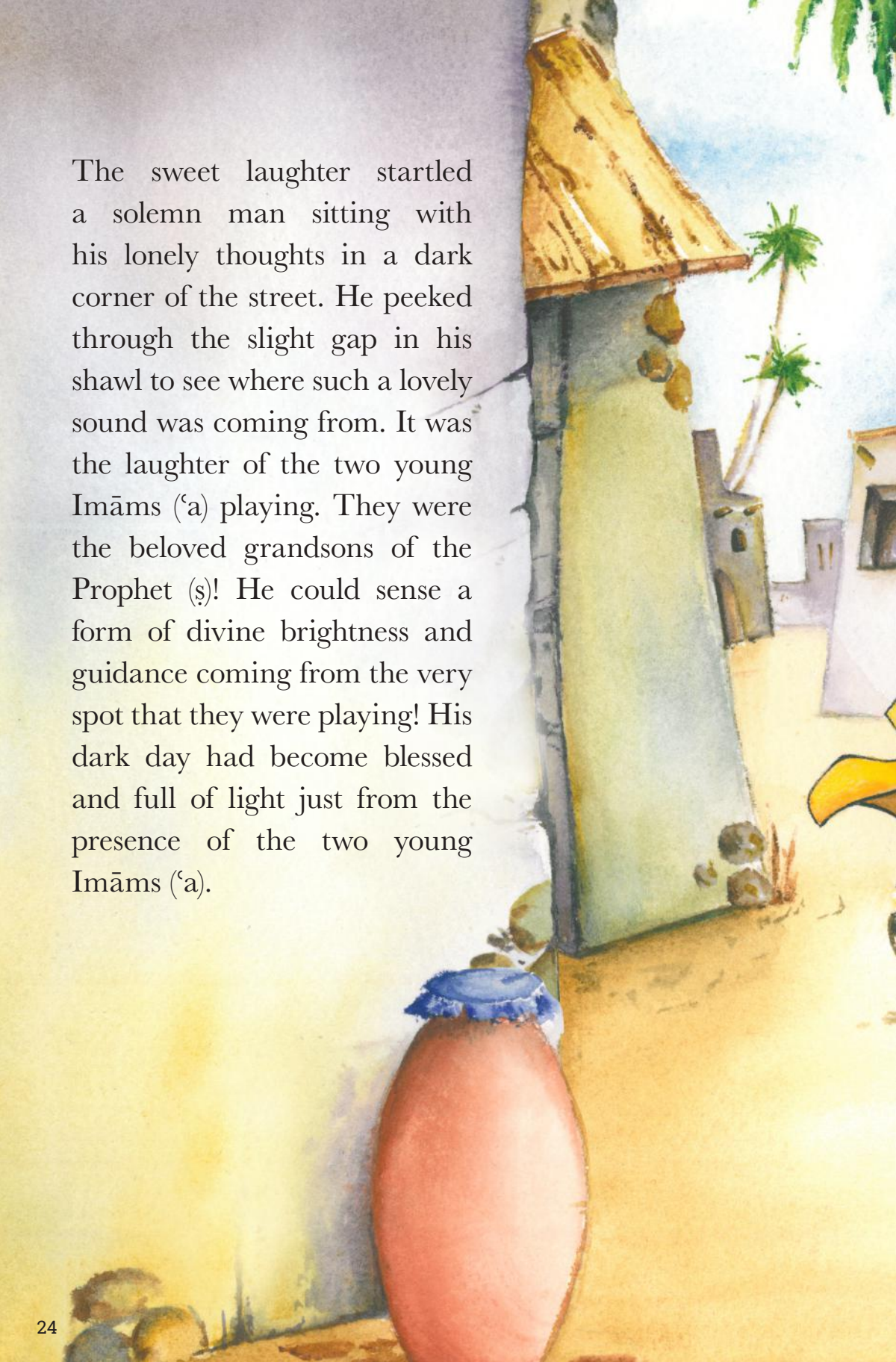

"One...
two...
three…
JUMP!"

The two young brothers bent their knees, gathered their strength, and sprung into the air, leaving behind a cloud of dust as they leaped across the narrow, cracked alley.

Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) landed slightly ahead of his younger brother, Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa). Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) looked at his brother kindly and said with a grin: "That was a great jump Ḥusayn (ʿa)!"

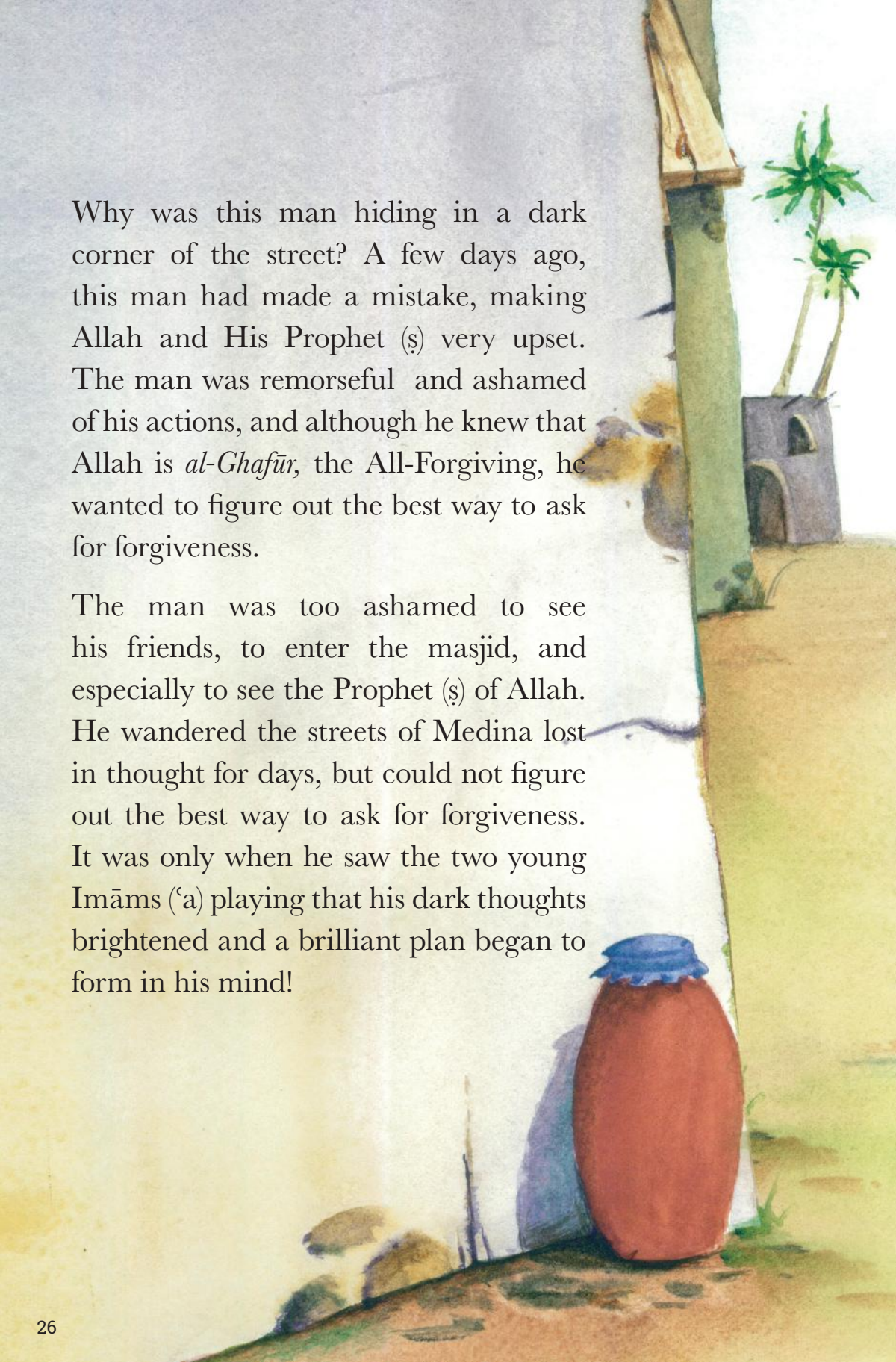
Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) looked back at his older brother with a huge smile on his face. They both loved playing outside, and refreshing their abilities and skills that Allah had blessed them with! Alḥamdulillāh!

The sweet laughter startled a solemn man sitting with his lonely thoughts in a dark corner of the street. He peeked through the slight gap in his shawl to see where such a lovely sound was coming from. It was the laughter of the two young Imāms (ʿa) playing. They were the beloved grandsons of the Prophet (ṣ)! He could sense a form of divine brightness and guidance coming from the very spot that they were playing! His dark day had become blessed and full of light just from the presence of the two young Imāms (ʿa).



Why was this man hiding in a dark corner of the street? A few days ago, this man had made a mistake, making Allah and His Prophet (ṣ) very upset. The man was remorseful and ashamed of his actions, and although he knew that Allah is *al-Ghafūr,* the All-Forgiving, he wanted to figure out the best way to ask for forgiveness.

The man was too ashamed to see his friends, to enter the masjid, and especially to see the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah. He wandered the streets of Medina lost in thought for days, but could not figure out the best way to ask for forgiveness. It was only when he saw the two young Imāms (ʿa) playing that his dark thoughts brightened and a brilliant plan began to form in his mind!



With hope, the man began walking toward the grandsons of the Prophet (ṣ).

The two brothers paused their game when they noticed a man walking toward them. The man kept his face down, avoiding eye contact with the young Imāms (ʿa).

"Salāmun ʿalaykum, O children of Rasūlullāh (ṣ)," he said in a low voice as he reached the spot where the two young Imāms (ʿa) were standing.

The brothers recognized the sad man! He lived nearby and often prayed at the masjid, and sat with their grandfather. The Imāms (ʿa) could see the deep sadness in the man's eyes. They responded warmly to his greeting, saying "Wa ʿalaykum salām, dear Uncle." The two Imāms (ʿa) were so welcoming and sincere that the man could not help but smile.

The man looked at the bright faces in front of him and understood why the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah loved these two Imāms (ʿa) so dearly.

With a heart full of hope, the man took a deep breath, praying that his plan would work.

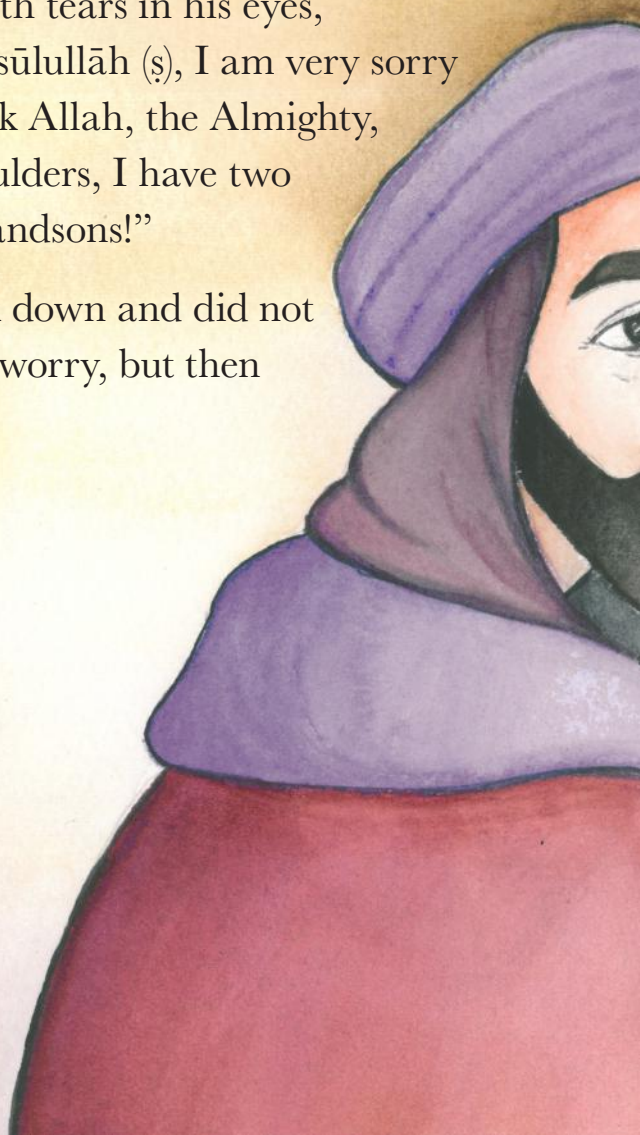
The man wanted to carry the two Imāms (ʿa) on his shoulders just as he had seen the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah do before. He asked the Imāms (ʿa), and when they happily agreed, he swooped them up onto his shoulders and started briskly walking through the busy streets of Medina, making his way toward the masjid, eagerly wanting to talk to the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah.

The man's heart was pounding and full of hope as he approached the masjid. The moment that he could be forgiven was now here! He took a deep breath and made his way to Rasūlullāh (ṣ) who was busy talking to his companions.

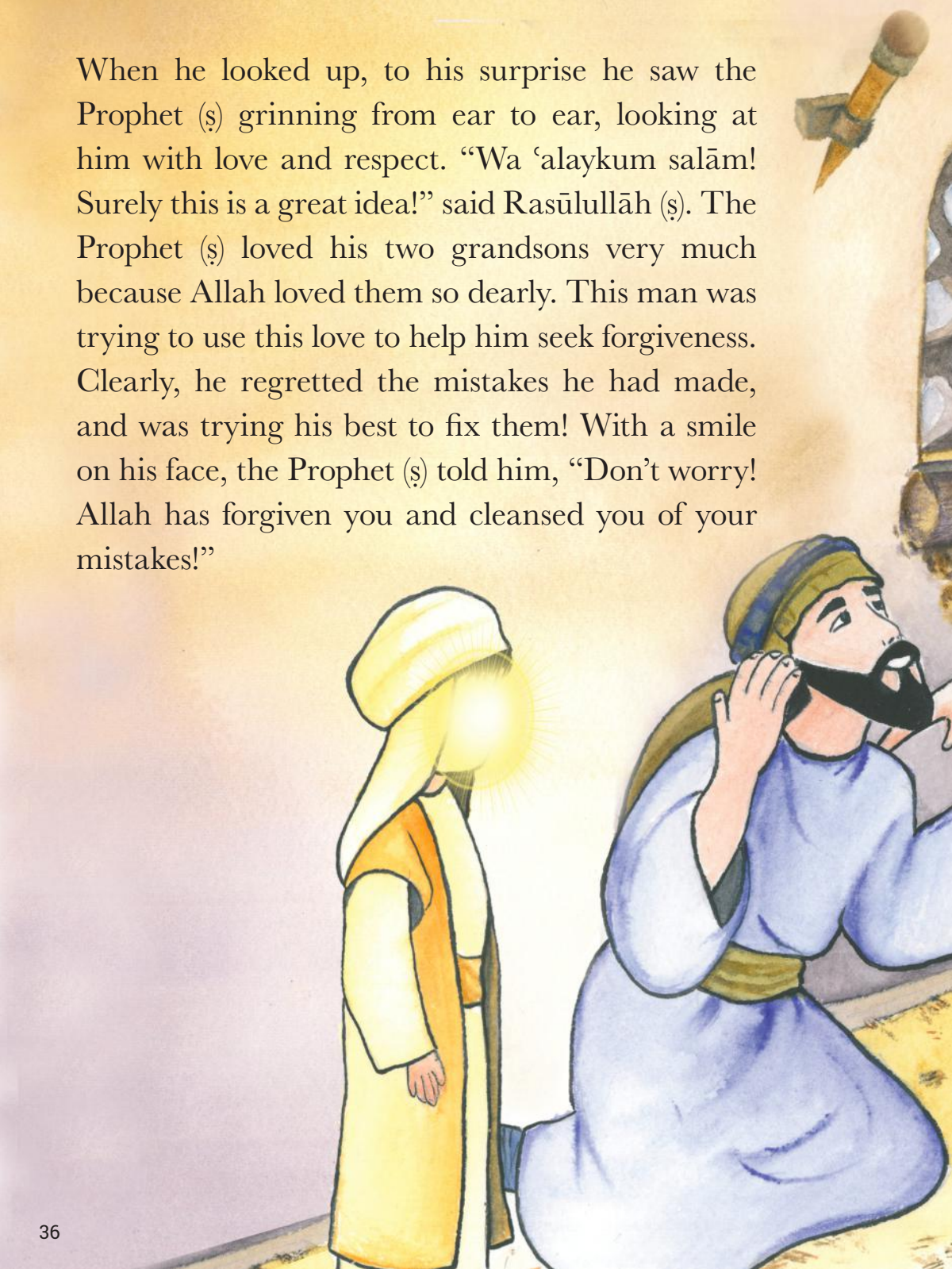
The man entered the courtyard of the masjid with the two Imāms (ʿa) still on his shoulders. He knew that Allah and His Prophet (ṣ) loved these two young Imāms (ʿa) dearly. He was hoping that this love would act as a bridge to help him gain Allah's forgiveness.

With his head bent down, the man slowly began to approach the Prophet (ṣ) with tears in his eyes, "Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Rasūlullāh (ṣ), I am very sorry for my bad actions and I ask Allah, the Almighty, for forgiveness. On my shoulders, I have two shining stars, your pure grandsons!"

The man continued to look down and did not hear a sound. He began to worry, but then heard a sweet chuckle.



When he looked up, to his surprise he saw the Prophet (ṣ) grinning from ear to ear, looking at him with love and respect. "Wa ʿalaykum salām! Surely this is a great idea!" said Rasūlullāh (ṣ). The Prophet (ṣ) loved his two grandsons very much because Allah loved them so dearly. This man was trying to use this love to help him seek forgiveness. Clearly, he regretted the mistakes he had made, and was trying his best to fix them! With a smile on his face, the Prophet (ṣ) told him, "Don't worry! Allah has forgiven you and cleansed you of your mistakes!"



The man fell to the floor in sajdah with tears of joy in his eyes, and thanked Allah for this blessing of forgiveness. He kissed the Prophet's (ṣ) hands with happiness. Now that he knew he had been forgiven, he felt so free!

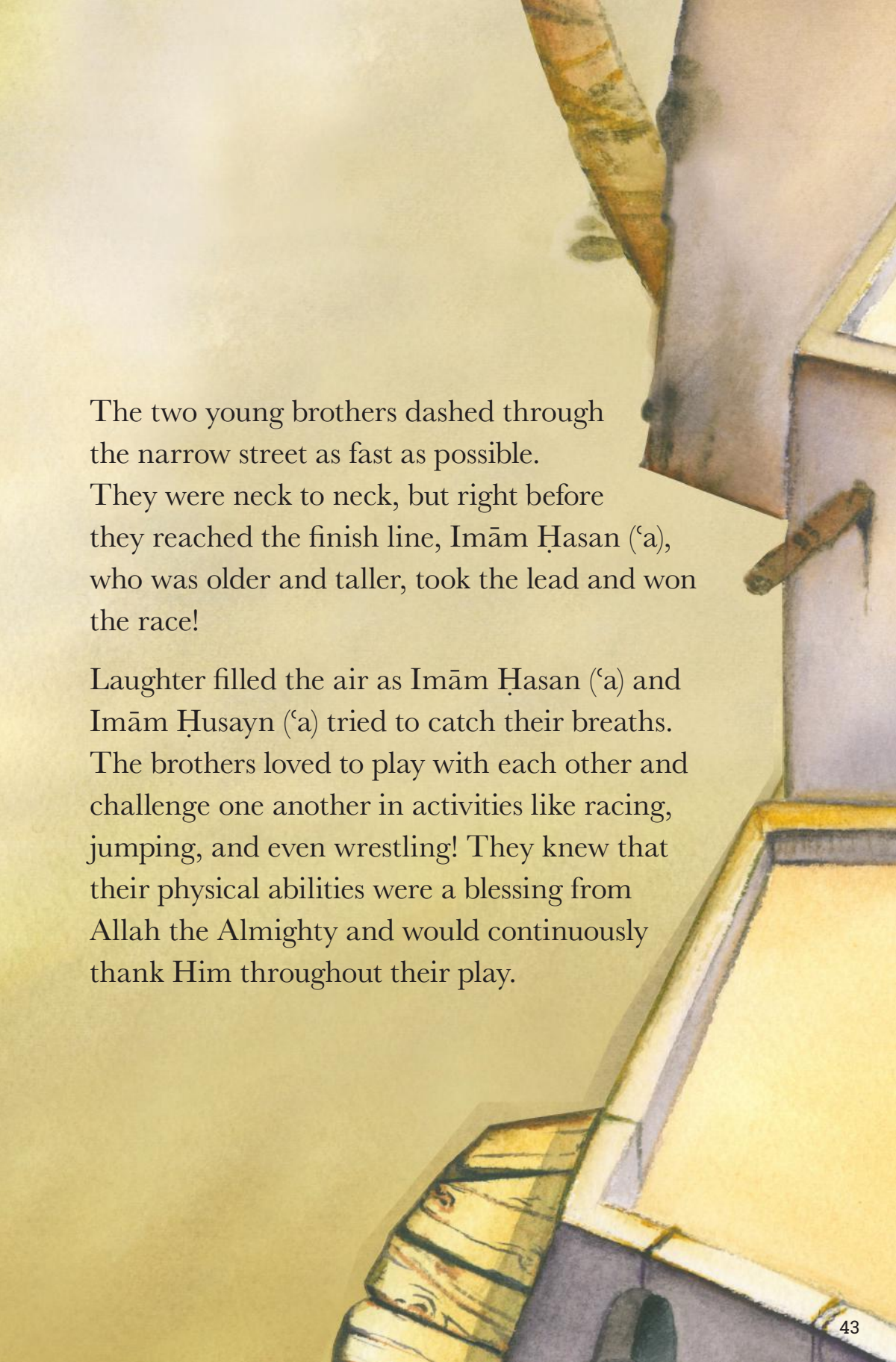
The Prophet (ṣ) of Allah admiringly gazed at his dear grandsons with affection and said, "O leaders of the youth of paradise! You have done *shifā'ah*, which means *intercession*, for this man and Allah has accepted this man's apology because of His love for you!"

Manāqib Āal Abī Ṭālib, Vol. 3, Pg. 400

Chapter 3

The Little Champions

"Ready...
set…
…GO!"



The two young brothers dashed through the narrow street as fast as possible. They were neck to neck, but right before they reached the finish line, Imām Ḥasan (ʿa), who was older and taller, took the lead and won the race!

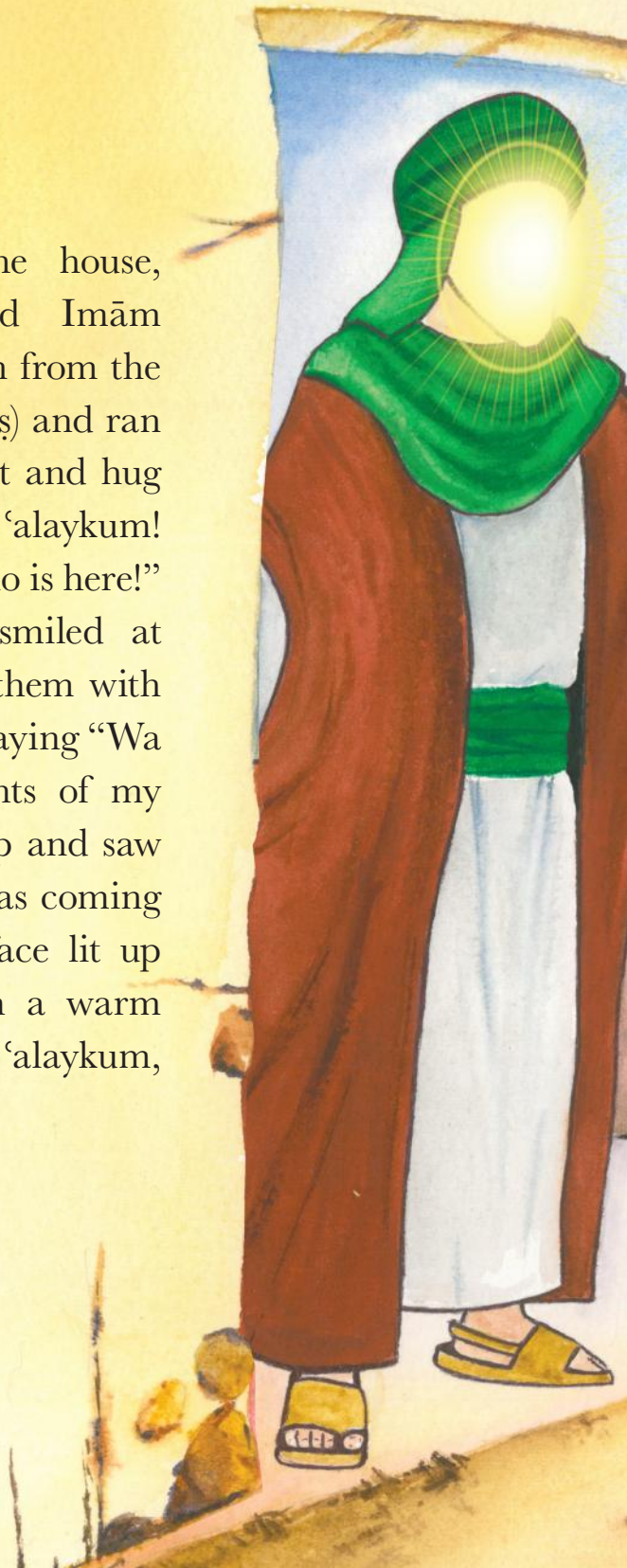
Laughter filled the air as Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) and Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) tried to catch their breaths. The brothers loved to play with each other and challenge one another in activities like racing, jumping, and even wrestling! They knew that their physical abilities were a blessing from Allah the Almighty and would continuously thank Him throughout their play.

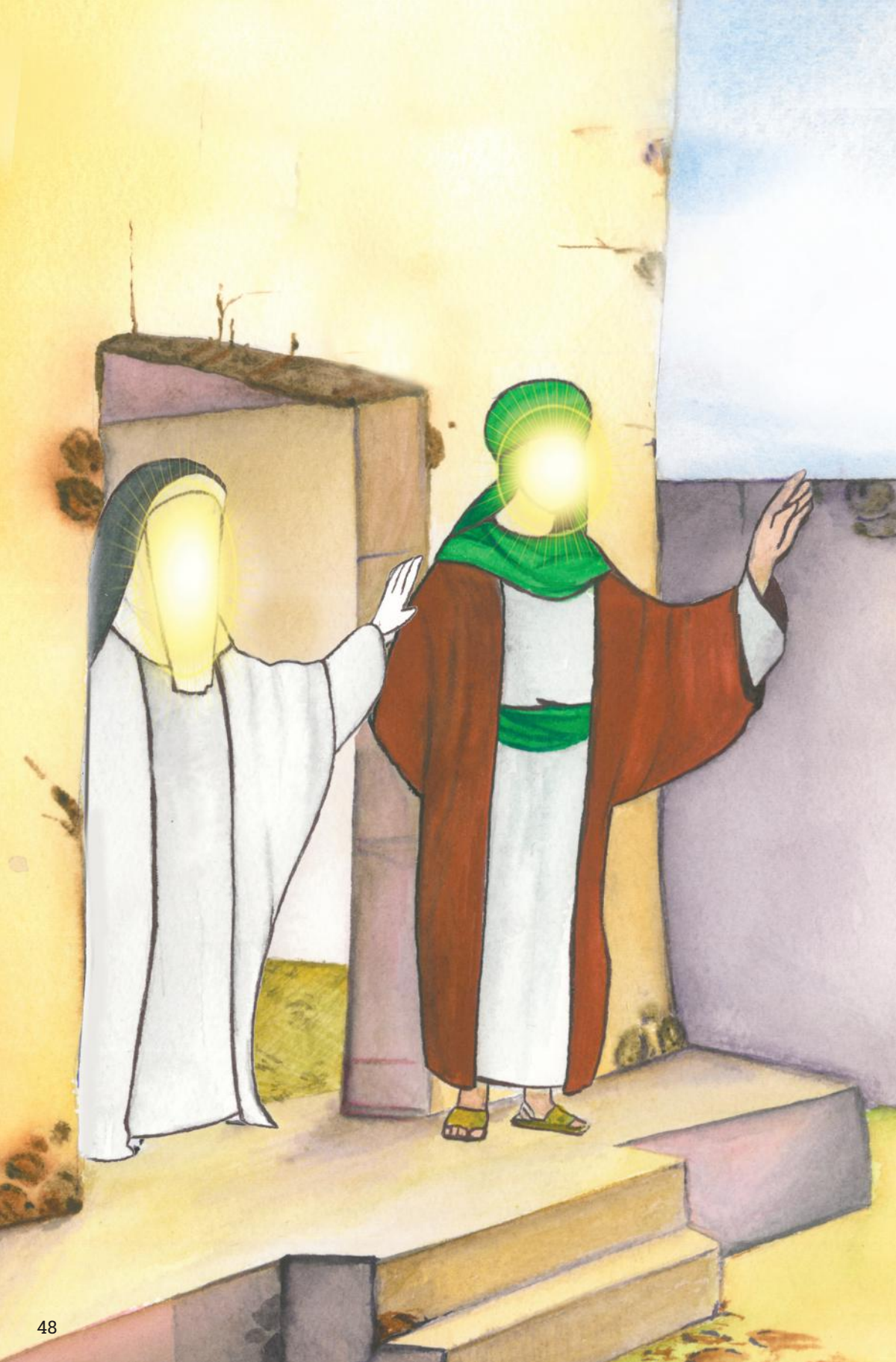
As they were busy playing, their beloved grandfather, Allah's final Messenger (ṣ), walked toward them. The sound of their playful laughter warmed his heart and put a divine smile on his face. He loved his grandsons because Allah loved them.

Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) looked up and saw his grandfather coming. He left his game and ran into his arms for a massive hug. Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) did the same thing and both brothers cried out together in unison: "Salāmun ʿalaykum, dear grandfather!"

"Wa ʿalaykum salām, my dear grandsons! What have you been playing this morning?" The two young Imāms (ʿa) eagerly told their grandfather about the various activities and games they had been playing. The Prophet (ṣ) then picked them up and placed them on his shoulders as he often did. Together, they began heading toward the home of Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa).

As they approached the house, Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) and Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) climbed down from the shoulders of the Prophet (ṣ) and ran toward the house to greet and hug their mother. "Salāmun ʿalaykum! Mother, Mother! Look who is here!" Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) smiled at her sons and smothered them with kisses, and responded by saying "Wa ʿalaykum salām, the lights of my eyes!" She then looked up and saw that her beloved father was coming through the door. Her face lit up as she greeted him with a warm hug, and said "Salāmun ʿalaykum, beloved father!"



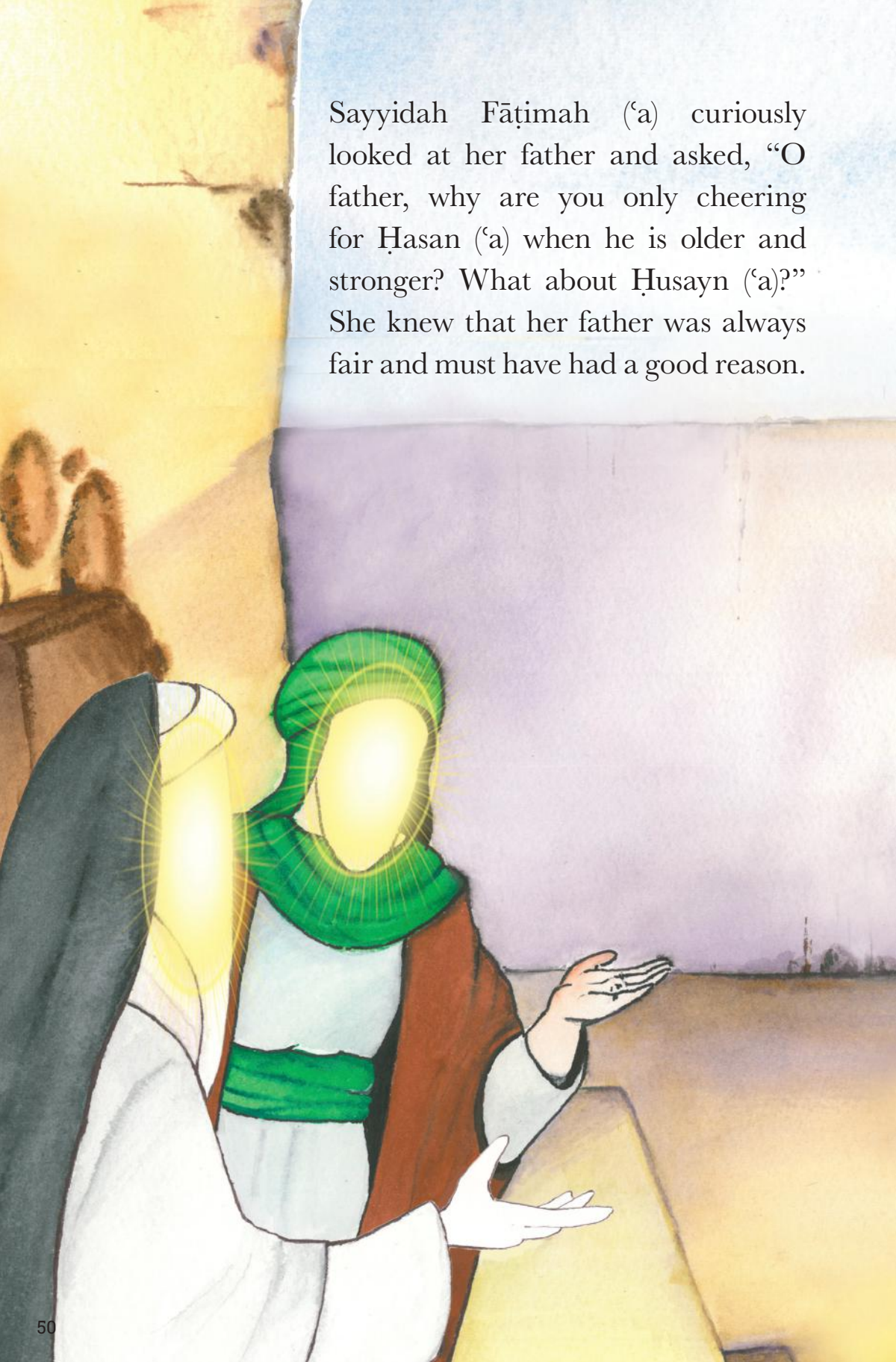


After they ate a small snack, the two brothers went outside. Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) looked at his younger brother with a smile and said, "Ḥusayn (ʿa), want to have a wrestling match?"

Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) looked at his brother with a grin, and nodded. He loved it when they played different sports that challenged them.

As they began the match, their grandfather and mother came outside to watch them. This made the two young brothers even more excited!

Prophet Muhammad (ṣ) watched the two boys challenge each other. "MāshāʾAllāh, excellent move, Ḥasan (ʿa)! Quick! Grab Ḥusayn (ʿa)!" he cheered as he watched.



Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) curiously looked at her father and asked, "O father, why are you only cheering for Ḥasan (ʿa) when he is older and stronger? What about Ḥusayn (ʿa)?" She knew that her father was always fair and must have had a good reason.

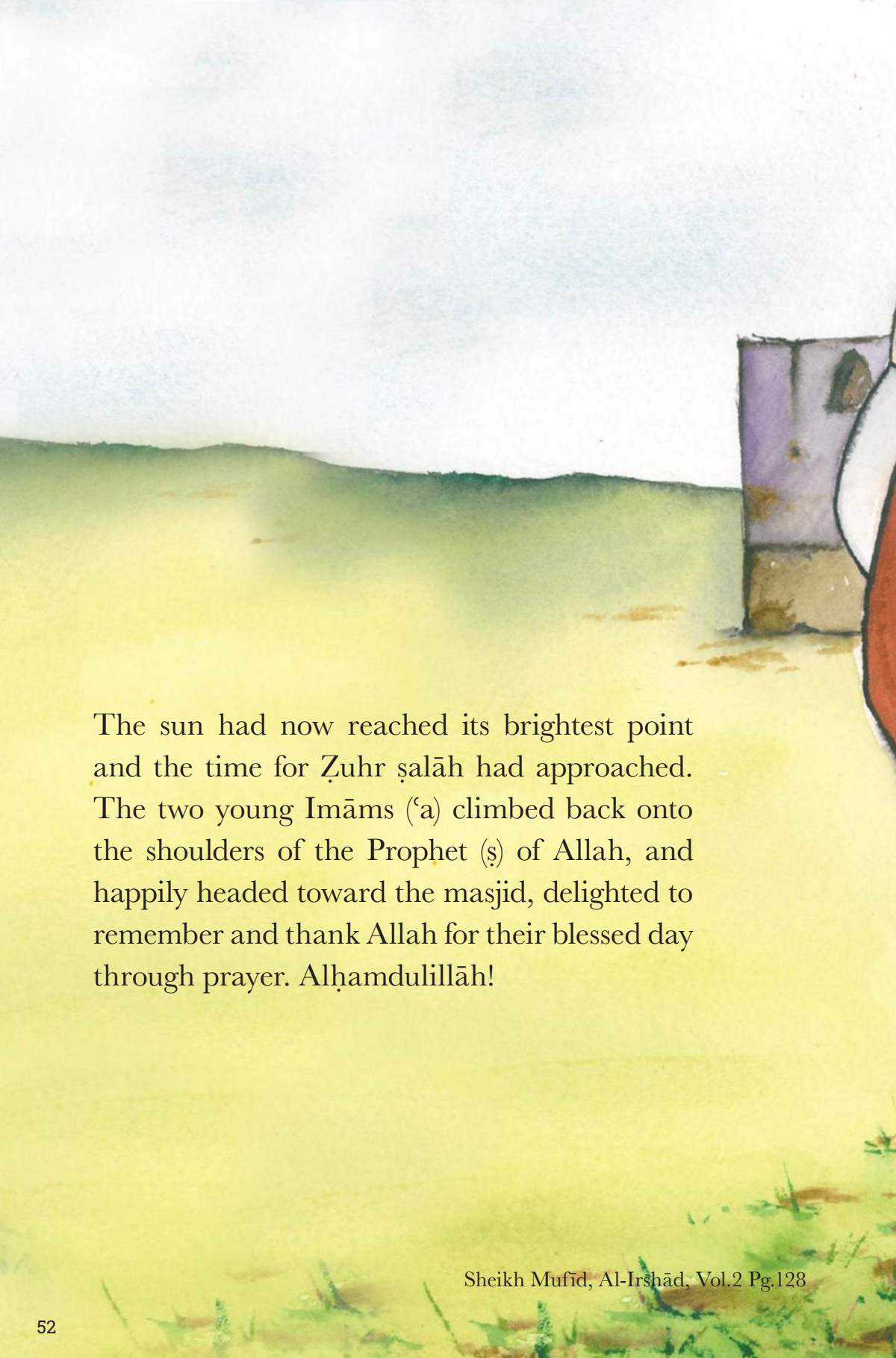
Rasūlullāh (ṣ) smiled wisely, looked at his daughter, and said, "O my beloved daughter, don't worry about Ḥusayn (ʿa). There is someone very special who is cheering for him!"

Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) looked at her father all puzzled and asked, "Who is cheering him on, dear father?"

"The high angel of the heavens is! The same one who reveals the verses of the Qur'ān to me, none other than Angel Jabrā'īl! These two boys are loved by the angels because they are not only leaders who will guide people in this world, but will be the leaders of paradise as well!"

Sayyidah Fāṭimah's (ʿa) face glowed with honor! She thanked Allah for these two little heavenly leaders, and continued to watch her sons play.

Imām Ḥasan (ʿa), knowing that he was older and stronger, very lovingly decided to let his brother pin him down and win the match.



The sun had now reached its brightest point and the time for Ẓuhr ṣalāh had approached. The two young Imāms (ʿa) climbed back onto the shoulders of the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah, and happily headed toward the masjid, delighted to remember and thank Allah for their blessed day through prayer. Alḥamdulillāh!

Sheikh Mufīd, Al-Irshād, Vol.2 Pg.128

Chapter 4

Leaders of Paradise

“Tag!”

Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) tapped his younger brother’s shoulder and raced down the empty streets of Medina. The hot sun was blazing down on the quiet city as the people were in their homes resting after the afternoon prayers.

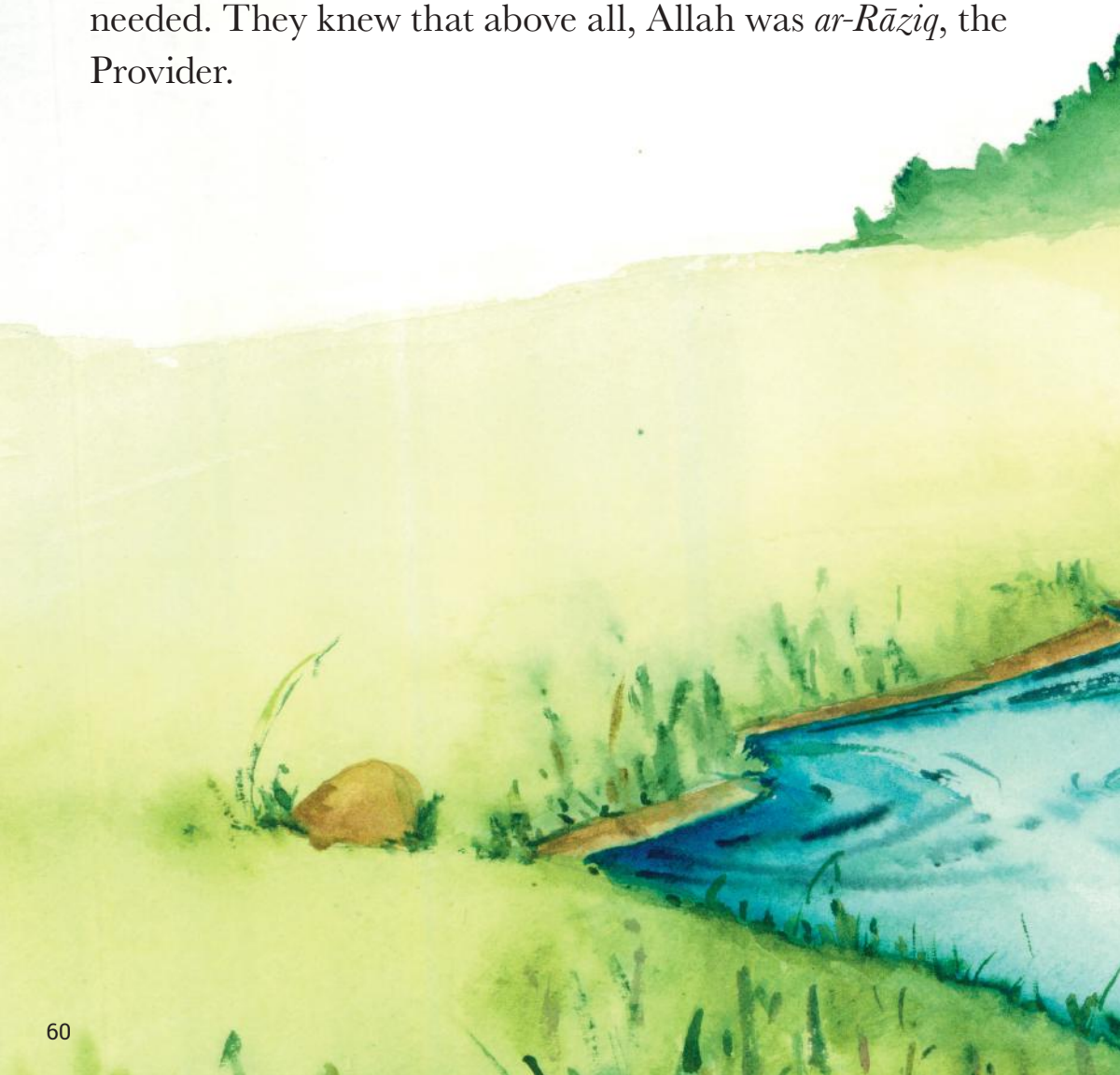
“Don’t worry I’ll catch you this time!” called out Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) as he ran as fast as he could.

With Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) in the lead, the two brothers sped through the streets toward the outskirts of the city, heading to the pond.

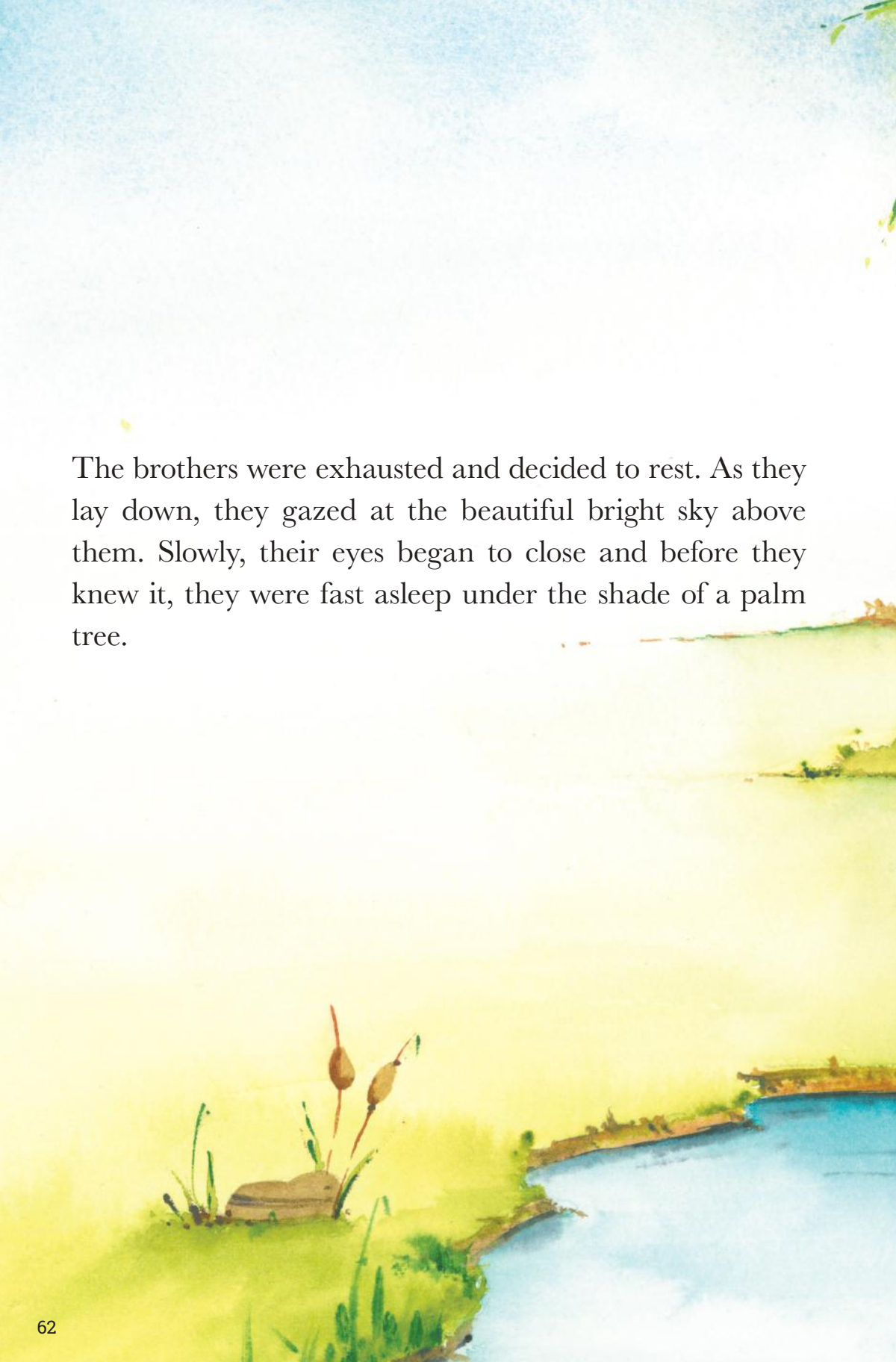
Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) slowed down, giving his brother a chance to catch up. Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) quickly caught up and triumphantly tackled his brother out of excitement.

"Ḥusayn (ʿa), you won! MāshāʾAllāh!" Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) exclaimed with a smile on his face. He hugged him and quietly thanked Allah for blessing him with such an amazing younger brother.

It was midday and the scorching afternoon sun blazed down on the Imāms (ʿa). After so much running, the brothers needed to rest and re-energize. They washed their faces and drank water from the cool pond. Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) looked at his younger brother and said, "Doesn't this water feel amazing on such a hot day, Ḥusayn (ʿa)? Alḥamdulillāh!" The young Imāms (ʿa) were always thankful to Allah the Almighty for providing them with exactly what they needed. They knew that above all, Allah was *ar-Rāziq*, the Provider.



The brothers were exhausted and decided to rest. As they lay down, they gazed at the beautiful bright sky above them. Slowly, their eyes began to close and before they knew it, they were fast asleep under the shade of a palm tree.



Back in the city, near the masjid, the smell of freshly baked bread lingered out from the home of Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa). She was busy preparing lunch for her beloved sons whom she knew would be hungry and tired when they returned home.

As Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) finished baking, Umm Ayman, her dear friend and helper, went outside to call the two brothers inside for lunch. Umm Ayman soon came back inside, but without the two Imāms (ʿa)!

“Umm Ayman, you’re alone! Where are the boys?” asked Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa).

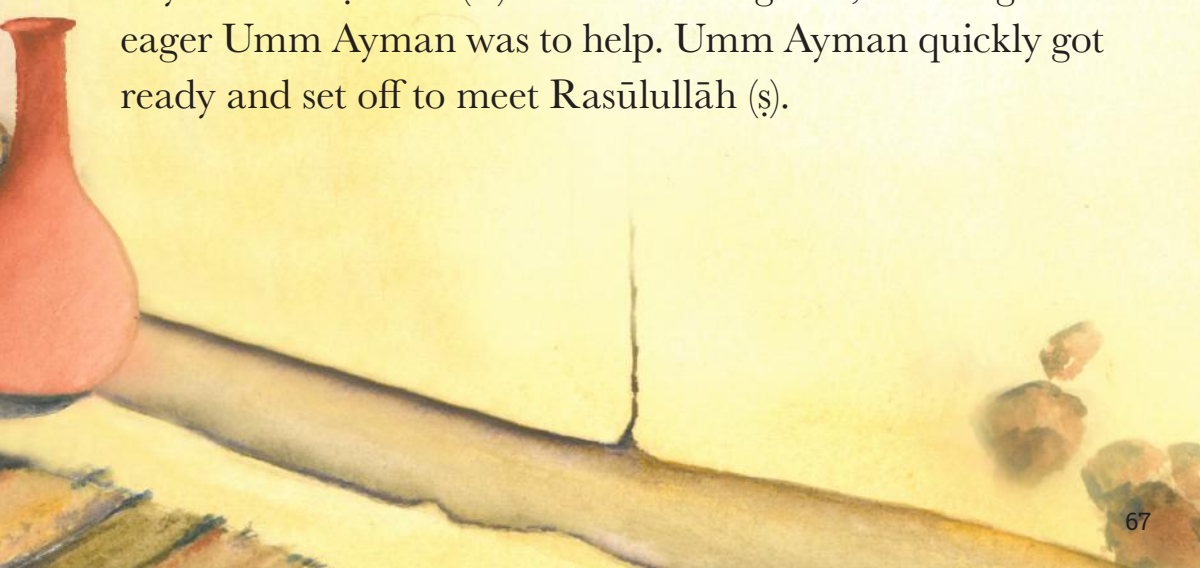
“I’m not sure! I couldn’t find them nearby,” Umm Ayman replied.

“I’m sure they will be home shortly, inshāʾAllāh. They’re always careful to return home on time,” said Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa).

After some time had passed, and the two Imāms (ʿa) had not yet returned, Sayiddah Fāṭimah (ʿa) whispered a duʿāʾ to Allah, asking Him for their safe return. She looked at her friend and said, “I’m a little concerned Umm Ayman… the boys are never late, and it’s a very hot day today. Perhaps they stopped somewhere to rest. I should ask my father for advice. Maybe he knows where they have gone!”

Umm Ayman looked at the Lady of Light, her most beloved friend, and said, “Let me go and ask the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah for you, O Fāṭimah az-Zahrāʾ (ʿa)!”

Sayiddah Fāṭimah (ʿa) smiled and agreed, noticing how eager Umm Ayman was to help. Umm Ayman quickly got ready and set off to meet Rasūlullāh (ṣ).



Umm Ayman found the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah with his companions near the masjid. She hurried over to him and said, "Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Rasūlullāh (ṣ)! Your grandsons went out to play, but haven't returned home for lunch. Do you happen to know where they are?"

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ) responded, "Wa ʿalaykum salām Umm Ayman. Hmm... it is very much unlike them to be late, especially if they know their mother is expecting them.

InshāʾAllāh, everything is okay." The Prophet (ṣ) raised his hands in prayer and made a duʿāʾ to Allah, "Yā Rabbī! O my Lord! Please keep Ḥasan (ʿa) and Ḥusayn (ʿa) safe and always keep them under Your protection and care."

As soon as he finished the duʿāʾ, the Prophet's (ṣ) face changed color as it usually did when he would receive a *waḥī*, or revelation from Allah. After a few moments, the Prophet (ṣ) broke into a smile.

He turned to Umm Ayman and said, "Tell my beloved daughter not to worry. I will bring them home! Angel Jabrāʾīl just came to me and said, 'Salām and blessings upon you O Rasūlullāh (ṣ). Your two grandsons are a divine creation of Allah. They are protected with a heavenly protection. They have a great status not only in this world, but also in the hereafter, as they are the leaders of the youth of paradise!'"

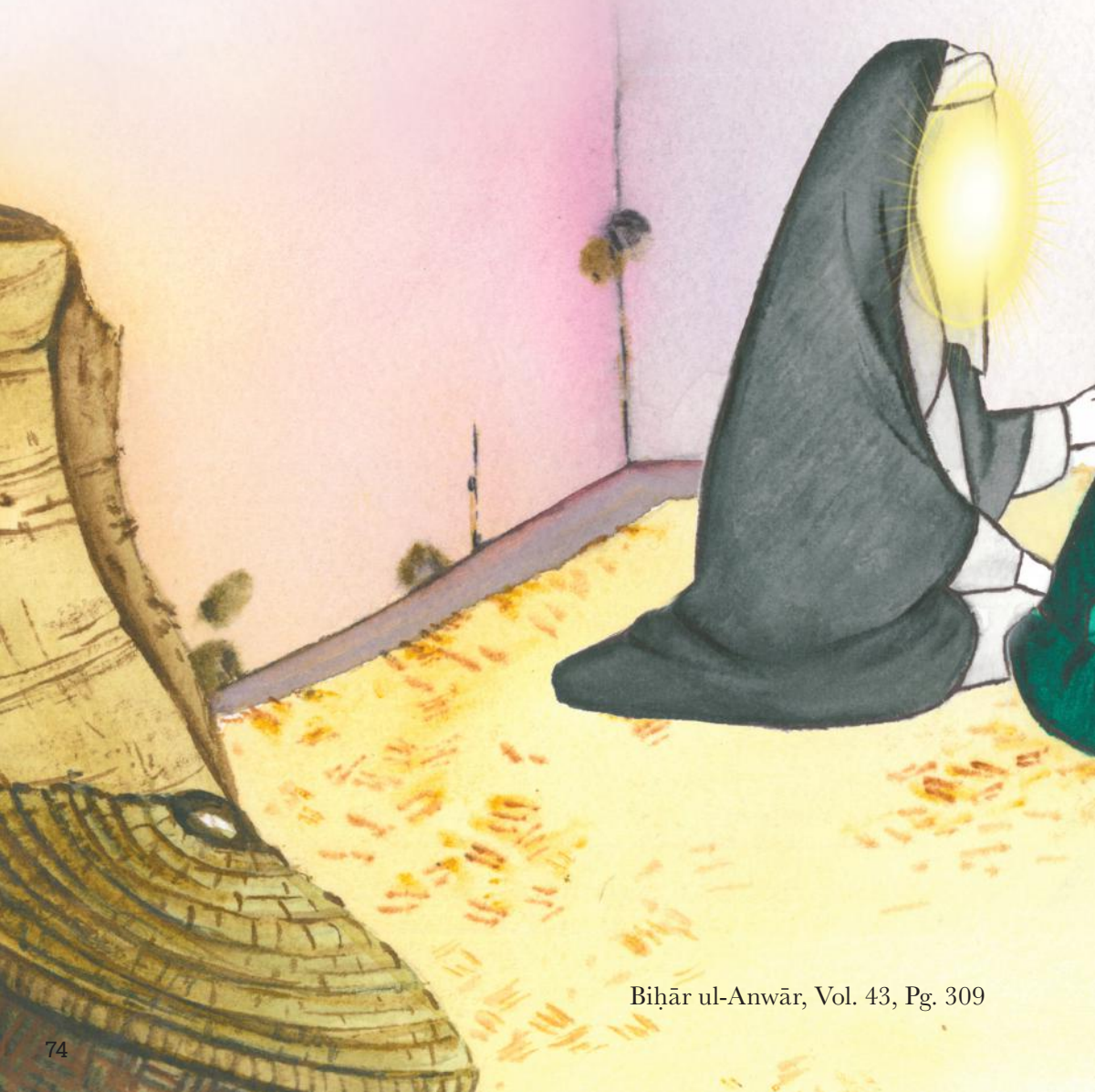
Soon after, the Prophet (ṣ) arrived at the pond and found his grandsons soundly sleeping under a palm tree. Behind them stood a magnificent angel guarding and protecting these two leaders from heaven.

Subḥānallāh! These two young Imāms (ʿa) were certainly divinely protected! They were the chosen leaders of Allah, chosen to guide everyone to the right path. Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ) loved his grandsons immensely as they were loved by Allah! He knelt down, and gently gave them both a kiss on their foreheads, waking them softly.

The brothers stirred awake and saw the shining face of their grandfather gazing down on them. They jumped up, and playfully tackled their grandfather, giving him a huge hug. Rasūlullāh (ṣ) lifted Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) and Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) onto his shoulders and started walking toward Sayyidah Fāṭimah's (ʿa) home where he knew she was eagerly waiting to see them.

As they were walking home, Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) saw them and immediately thanked Allah that his two sons were safe. Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) greeted the Prophet (ṣ) and his sons with a salām, and said, "Alḥamdulillāh, I'm glad to see that both of you are not only okay, but are also getting to ride on the best of shoulders!" Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) and Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) smiled at their father. Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ) looked at his cousin and said, "O ʿAlī (ʿa), I'm the one who is blessed as I have the best riders on my shoulders!"

As they all arrived home, Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) greeted her two sons with hugs and kisses. She was so happy and relieved to have them home! She thanked Allah for honoring them with His protection. Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) served the fresh bread she had baked with some yogurt. The beloved Ahlul Bayt (ʿa), Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa), her father, her husband, and her two sons, then sat together to share their tasty and blessed lunch!



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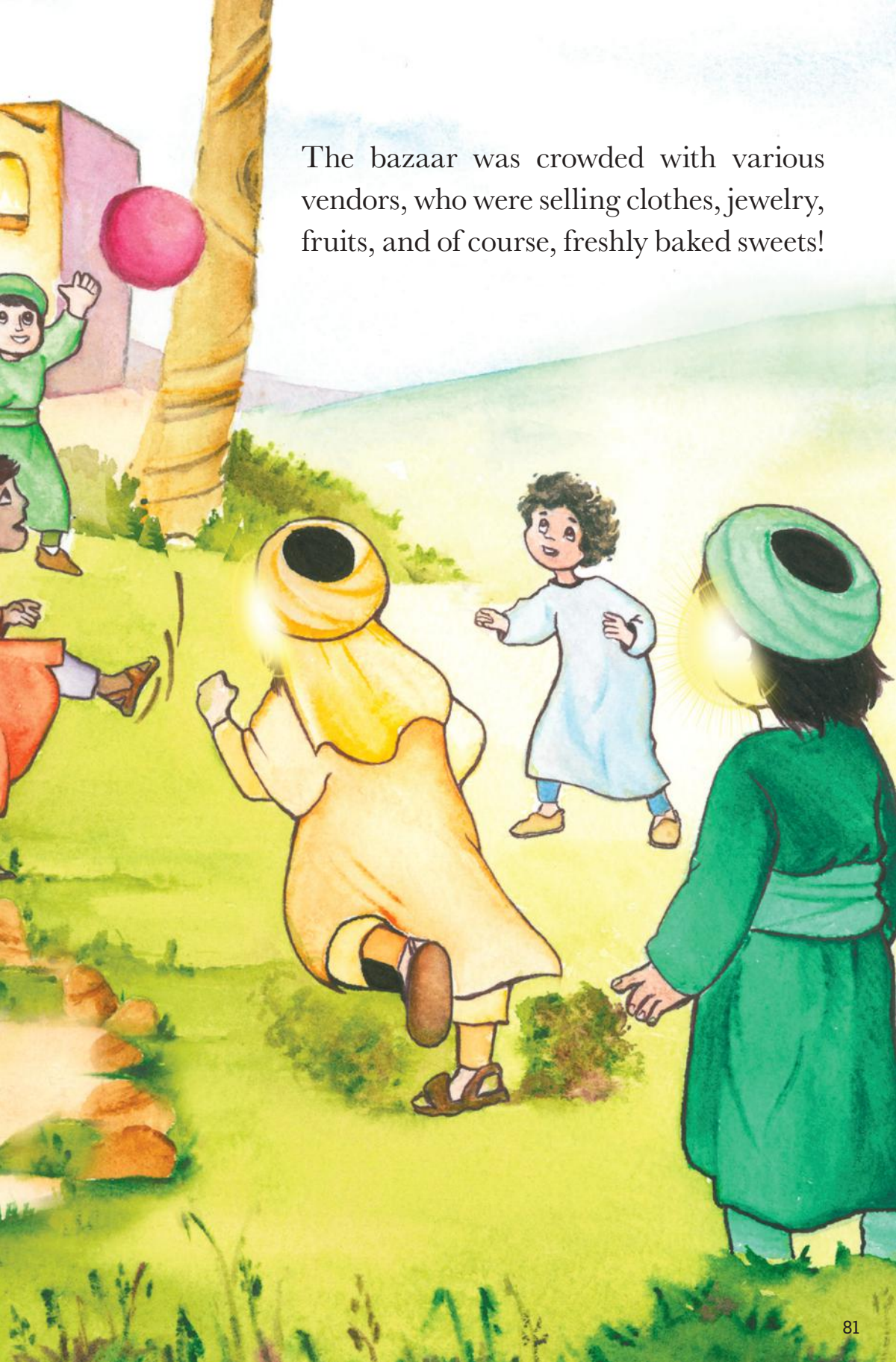
Chapter 5

Heavenly Gift

“Ḥasan (ʿa)! Get ready! Incoming!” called out Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) as he kicked the ball toward his older brother. Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) caught the ball swiftly with his feet, carefully dribbling it as he darted past the opposing team, picking up speed until he caught sight of ʿAbdullāh.

He looked left, right, and left again before passing the ball to ʿAbdullāh, who aimed between the two trees and kicked as hard as he could. Another player tried to snatch the ball, but failed. It went past him, beyond the trees and...**SCORE**! Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) and Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) cheered! Their team had won the game!

Laughter filled the air as the boys cheered, grinning from ear to ear. However, this was not the only reason the two brothers and their friends were excited. It was the day before Eid, and the streets were buzzing with energy as the people of Medina prepared for the festivities.



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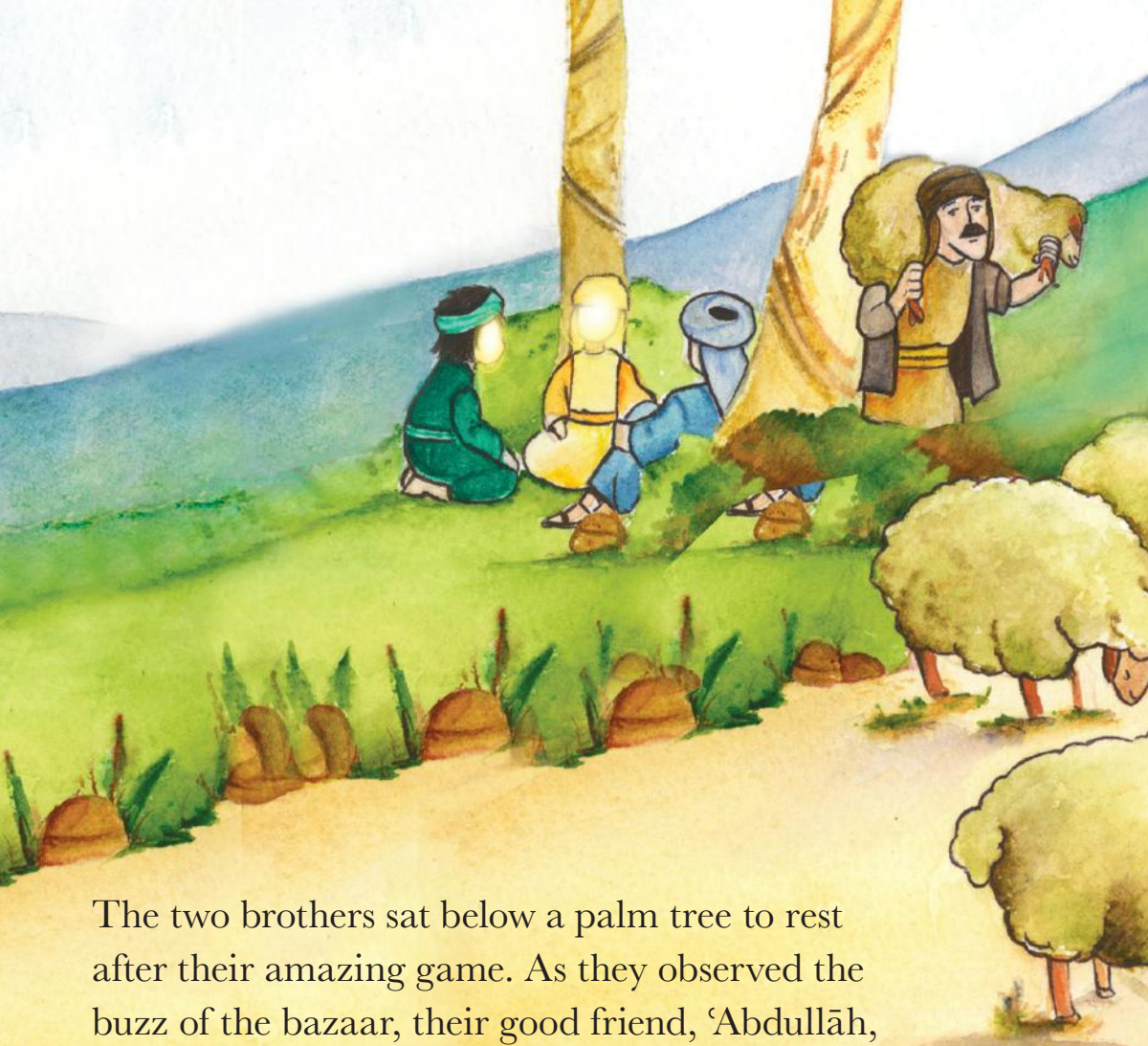
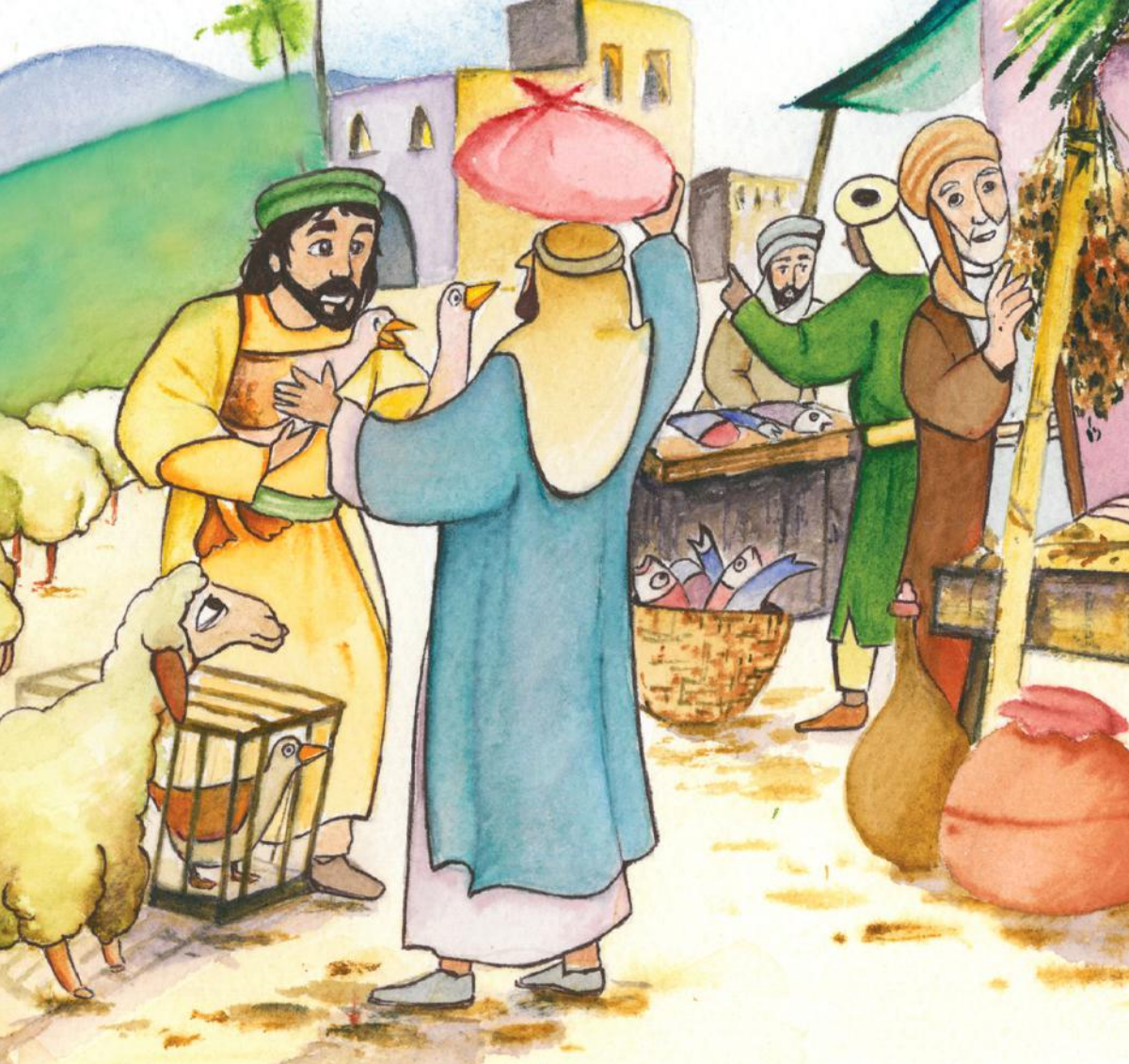


The two brothers sat below a palm tree to rest after their amazing game. As they observed the buzz of the bazaar, their good friend, ʿAbdullāh, joined them.

"ʿAbdullāh, that was a great kick! You played well today, mashāʾAllāh!" Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) exclaimed. He scooted over to make some space for his friend to sit next to them.

"Alḥamdulillāh! And you made a great pass at the perfect time to make the winning score!" ʿAbdullāh responded with a big grin.

"Oh, I should go! There's my mother! She had said to meet her at the bazaar. She wants to take me to a tailor



to take measurements for my new outfit for Eid tomorrow! Inshā'Allāh I will see you both at the masjid for Eid prayers!" ʿAbdullāh got up and ran to meet his mother.

As Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) watched ʿAbdullāh run over to his mother, he turned to his brother and asked, "Ḥasan (ʿa), what are we wearing for Eid tomorrow?" Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) looked at his brother and said with a smile, "I'm not sure, but why don't we go home and ask Mama?"

The young Imāms (ʿa) started walking toward their home, the noise of the bazaar fading behind them.

Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) was busy preparing for the last ifṭār of the month of Ramaḍān when her sons arrived home.

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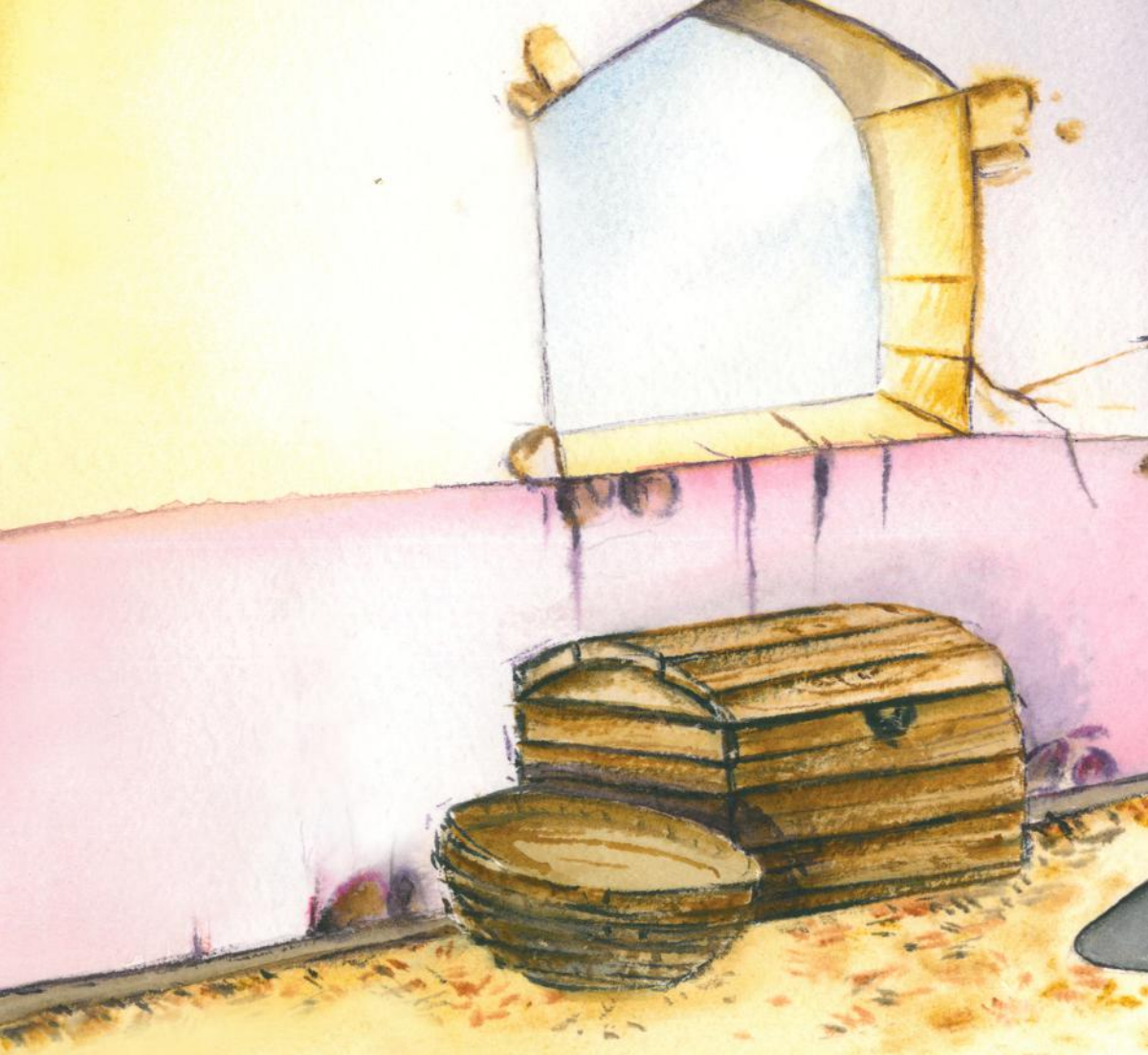
"Salāmun ʿalaykum, Mama!" they said as they ran up to her, kissing her hand and greeting her with a hug.

"Wa ʿalaykum salām, my dear boys! How was your game?" Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) asked.

"It was great! Ḥasan (ʿa) made an amazing pass to ʿAbdullāh, who scored the winning goal!" Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) responded enthusiastically.

“Mashāʾallāh that’s great! Seems like you enjoyed yourselves, alḥamdulillāh!” Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) said with a smile.

“Mama, do you need help preparing ifṭār?” asked Imām Ḥasan (ʿa). “No, thank you! You both must be tired. Why don’t you two rest for a bit?” She gave them both a kiss on their foreheads.



As the two brothers were leaving, Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) paused and asked his mother, "Mama if tomorrow is Eid, will we be wearing new clothes?"

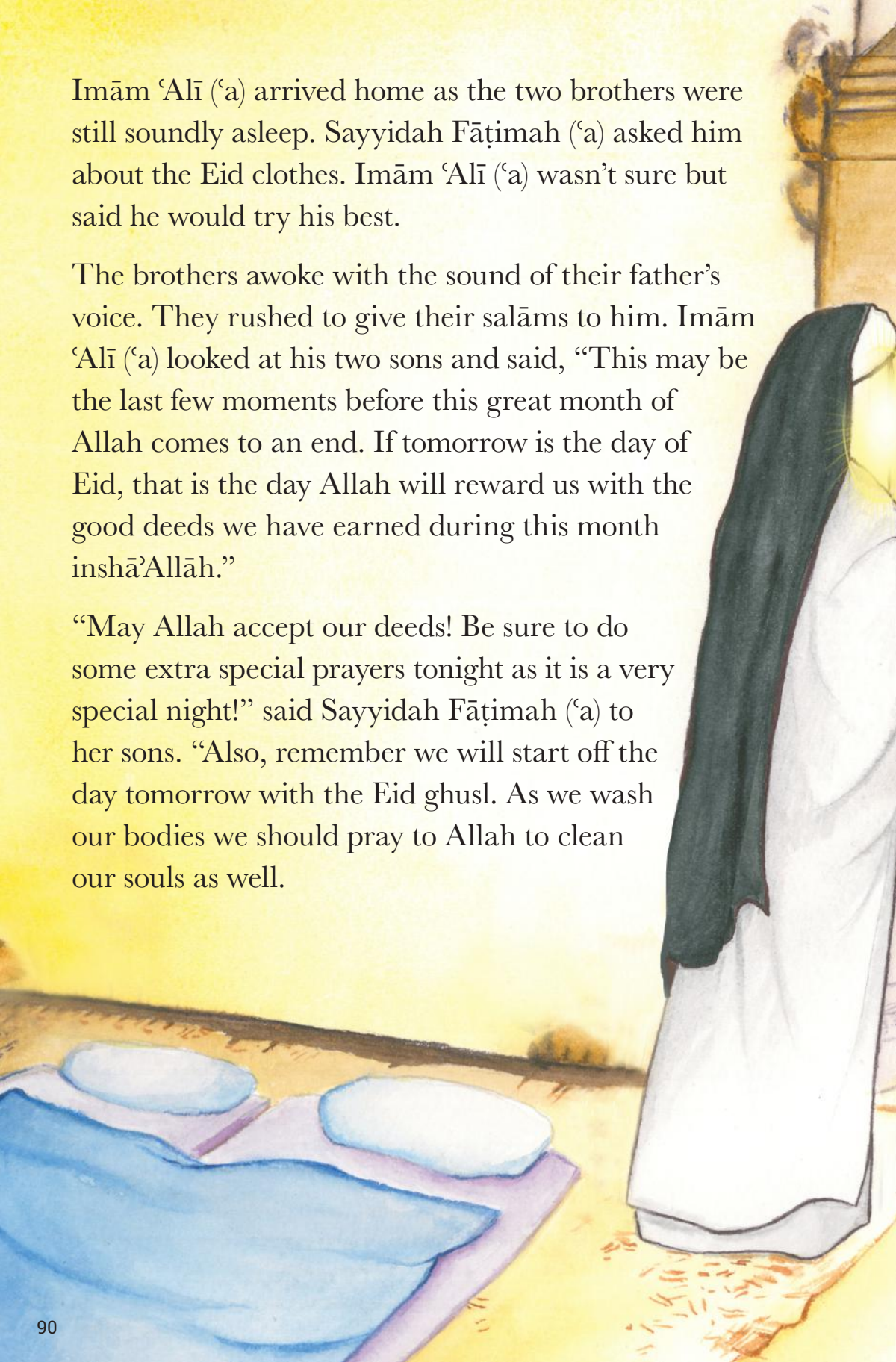
Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) looked at her beloved sons with a smile and said, "Let me talk to your father and see what we can do."

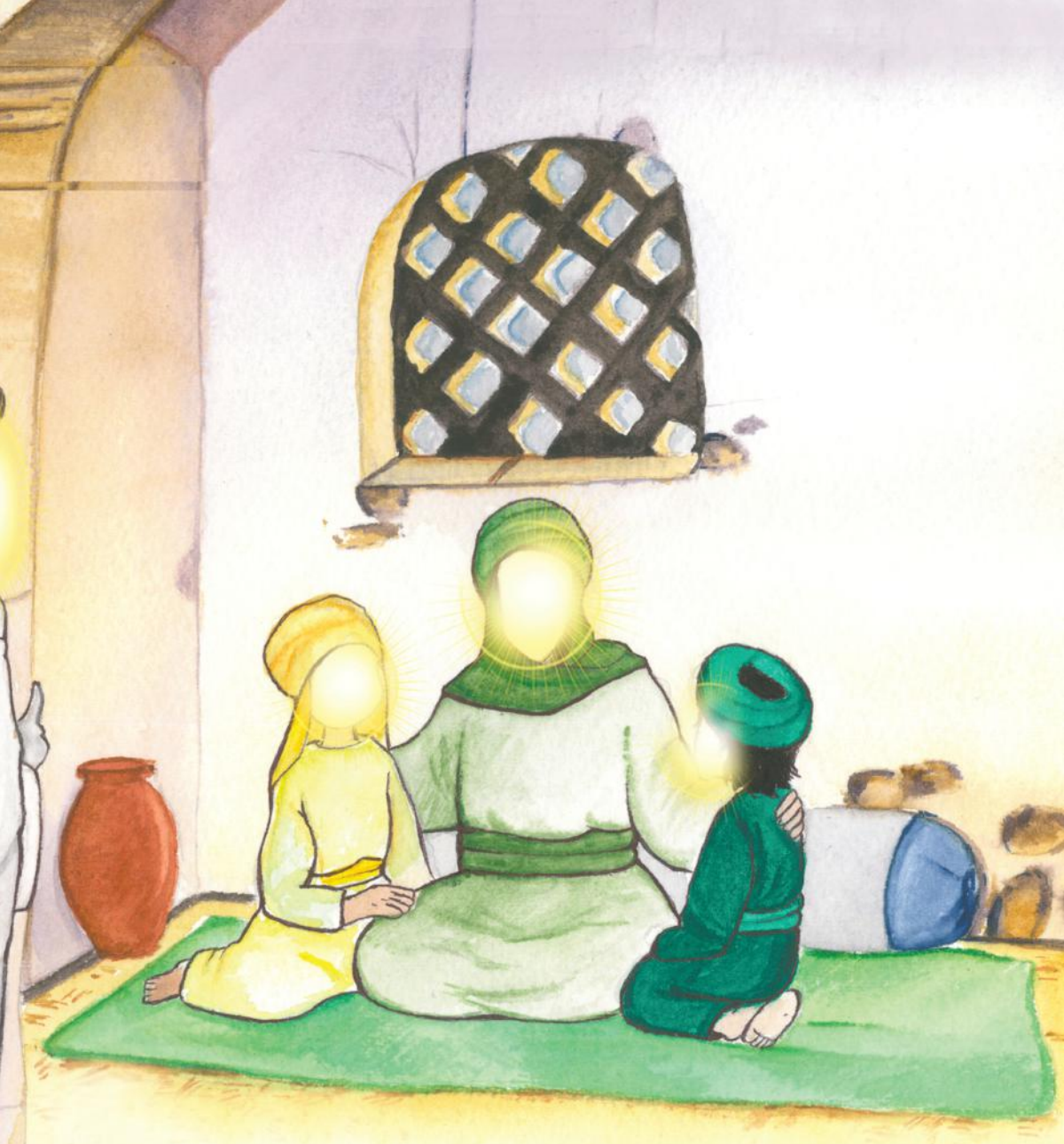
Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) knew it would be difficult to get new clothes made for Eid as their finances were a bit tight. Regardless, she would make dua and try her best. She knew that if she placed her trust in Allah, He would ensure the best of results.

Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) arrived home as the two brothers were still soundly asleep. Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) asked him about the Eid clothes. Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) wasn't sure but said he would try his best.

The brothers awoke with the sound of their father's voice. They rushed to give their salāms to him. Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) looked at his two sons and said, "This may be the last few moments before this great month of Allah comes to an end. If tomorrow is the day of Eid, that is the day Allah will reward us with the good deeds we have earned during this month inshāʾAllāh."

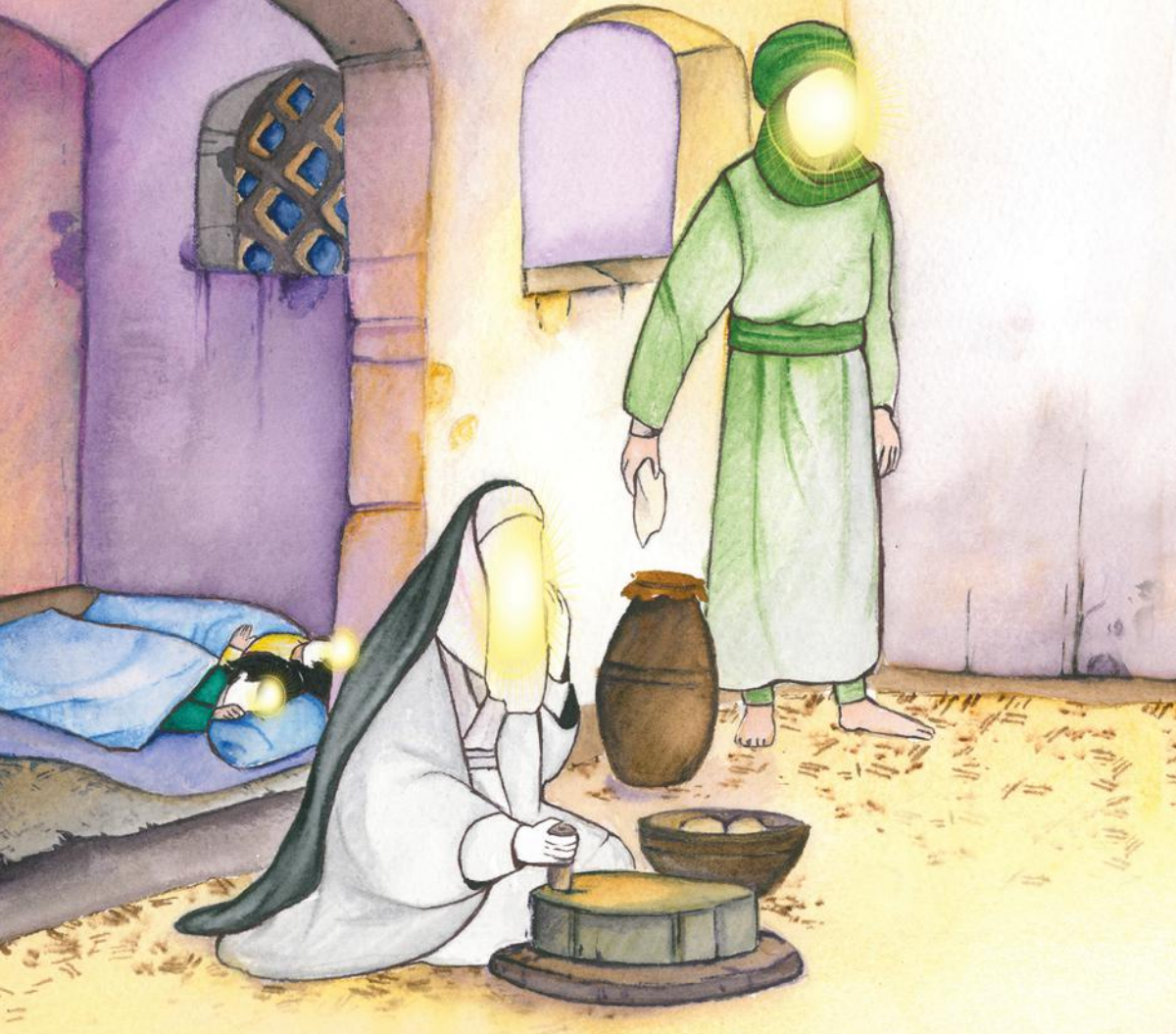
"May Allah accept our deeds! Be sure to do some extra special prayers tonight as it is a very special night!" said Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) to her sons. "Also, remember we will start off the day tomorrow with the Eid ghusl. As we wash our bodies we should pray to Allah to clean our souls as well.





We will then join our family, friends, and fellow believers at the masjid for Eid prayers. I'm sure there will be many yummy treats to enjoy afterwards as well!"

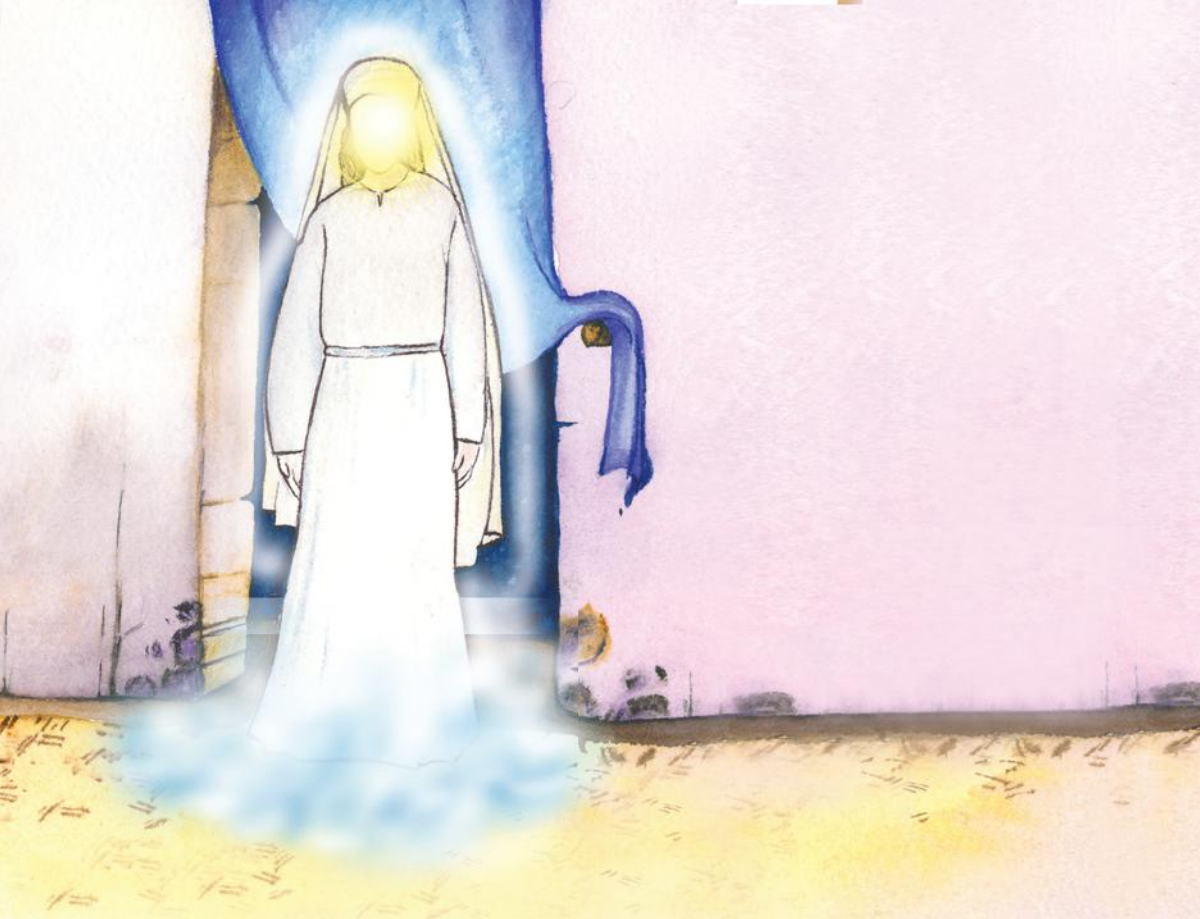
The young Imāms (ʿa) eyes shone with excitement as they all headed to the masjid for the evening ṣalāh.



Later that night, after the young Imāms (ʿa) fell asleep, Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) and Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) were tidying up the house. There was a knock on the door. Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) went to open it, finding a strange, tall and handsome man at the door.

"Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Imām ʿAlī (ʿa)!" greeted the man.

"Wa ʿalaykum salām, may I help you?" replied Imām ʿAlī (ʿa). "I have come to deliver this package for our divine leaders of paradise. May Allah bless you and your family. Wasalām!"



"Jazākallāh khayr, thank you. May Allah's blessings be on you as well!" replied Imām ʿAlī (ʿa).

Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) gave Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) the package that the man had given. She opened it, finding two beautiful outfits and two pairs of shoes. "These must be from your father, the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah! I didn't ask the tailor to sew any clothes!" Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) explained to Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa). "Alḥamdulillāh" she said smiling, happy that her two young sons had received new clothes for Eid!

It was the day of Eid! The two young Imāms (ʿa) woke up with a smile on their faces, excited for Eid. They ran to find their parents to hug them. However, before they could find them, they saw two sets of new clothes.

"Ḥasan (ʿa)! Are these our new Eid clothes?" asked Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa).

Before Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) could respond, they heard Sayyidah Fāṭimah's (ʿa) voice behind them. "Salāmun ʿalaykum, my two beloved sons. Eid Mubārak! Yes! These are your new Eid clothes!" "Wa ʿalaykum salām and Eid Mubārak Mama!" The two Imāms (ʿa) replied, kissing their mother's hand and giving her a huge hug.

The brothers did their Eid ghusl and wore their new clothes. When they finished getting ready, they were pleasantly surprised to see their beloved grandfather, Rasūlullāh (ṣ), talking to their parents.

“Salāmun ʿalaykum, grandfather! Eid Mubārak!” the two young Imāms (ʿa) said enthusiastically and ran to give him a hug.

“Wa ʿalaykum salām, my dear children! Eid Mubārak, my little leaders from heaven! Mashāʾ Allāh, look at your beautiful clothes!” exclaimed Rasūlullāh (ṣ). He turned to Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) and Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) and asked, “Do you know who sent these clothes for your blessed sons?”

Sayyidah Fāṭimah’s (ʿa) eyes grew wide in surprise. “O father, didn’t you send these clothes for Ḥasan (ʿa) and Ḥusayn (ʿa)?” she asked.

“No, I didn’t, my dear daughter. Someone Great has sent this gift! The man who came to deliver the package was an angel named Riḍwān. He visited me after he delivered the package and told me that Allah the Almighty had sent these clothes for His appointed divine guides, the two young Imāms (ʿa), Ḥasan (ʿa) and Ḥusayn (ʿa). Because you placed your trust in Allah alone, and you and your family give for His sake alone, Allah has graced you with a gift from the heavens!”

Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) broke into a smile and immediately thanked Allah for such a divine honor. Happiness filled her heart as they walked toward the masjid, their clothes shining under the bright morning sun!

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Glossary

(ʿa) - An abbreviation for the Arabic term ʿalayhi salām, which means "Peace be upon him"

(ʿaj) - An abbreviation for the Arabic term ʿajlallahu farjah, which means "May God hasten his reappearance"

(ṣ) - An abbreviation for the Arabic term ṣalallāhu ʿalayhi wa ālihi wa salam, which means "May God's peace and blessings be upon him and his family"

Ahlul Bayt - Divinely appointed family members of Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ)

Al-Ghafūr - A title of God, meaning the All-Forgiving

Alḥamdulillāh - All praise is for God

Allah - The Arabic term for God, a culmination of all His holy names and titles

Ar-Rāziq - A title of God, meaning the Provider (of sustenance)

Az-Zahrāʿ - The radiant one; a title of Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa), the daughter of the Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ)

Bazaar - A market in a Middle Eastern country

Duʿā - Supplication: a confidential prayer between an individual and God

Eid - A Muslim holiday or celebration

Eid Mubārak - A greeting exchanged on the day of Eid, meaning "Have a blessed Eid"

Ghusl - Purifying oneself by washing the entire body from head to toe

Ifṭār - The evening meal by which the Muslims open their fasts

Imām - A divinely appointed leader, sometimes refers to a spiritual leader

Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) - The 1st divinely appointed leader; his name means the exalted

Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) - The 2nd divinely appointed leader; his name means good-doer

Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) - The 3rd divinely appointed leader; his name means good-doer

Inshā'Allāh - God-willing

Jamāl - Beauty

Jazākallāh Khayr - An expression of gratitude, meaning "May Allah reward you"

Jabrā'īl - The Archangel Gabriel

Lady of Light - A title of Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa), the daughter of the Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ)

Mashā'Allāh - That which Allah wishes; used as an expression of praise

Masjid - Mosque: a Muslim place of worship

Qur'ān - The holy book of Muslims

Ramaḍān - The ninth lunar month in the Islamic calendar, which is also the month of fasting

Rasūlullāh (ṣ) - The Messenger of God, a term used for Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ)

Sajdah - Prostration: the act of bringing the head to the ground; the utmost action of submission in Islam

Ṣalāh - Prayer

Salāmun ʿalaykum - An Arabic greeting that means "Peace be upon you"

Sayyidah - Leader or chief (female)

Shifāʿah - Intercession: asking or approaching God through another person

Subḥānallāh - All Glory and Praise belongs to God

Ulamā' - Scholars

Umm - Mother (of)

Wa ʿalaykum salām - A reply to the greeting Salāmun ʿalaykum, which means, "And peace be upon you"

Waḥī - Divine revelation from God

Wuḍū' - Ablution performed before prayer and other acts of worship

Yā Rabbī - An expression meaning "O my Lord!"

Ẓuhr - The midday prayer performed daily by the Muslims, consisting of four units

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